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IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

HONGKONG PAYS ITS TRIBUTE.

WREATH-LAYING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE.

IMPRESSIVE HOMAGE.

Hongkong to-day added its tribute to the memory of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig by the holding of a special memorial service in St. John's Cathedral and the placing of wreaths on the Cenotaph on behalf of the local branch of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

The Cathedral service was attended by naval and military units, as well as ex-Service men, and His Excellency the Governor, members of the Councils and of the Consular Body were amongst those present. The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Duppuy) delivered an impressive address, during which he referred to the late Earl Haig as a very gallant gentleman, a leader of men and a great friend of the men he led.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Simple But Impressive Service.

The Cathedral service was of a simple but impressive character. It was attended by His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major General C.C. Luard and Mrs. Luard, and Major General Sir John Duncanson, who is passing through on his way to England. Owing to the absence from the Colony of the Admiral, Commodore Pearson and the Vice-Commodore, the senior naval officers present were Captain Hallifax, H.M.S. Carlisle and Captain Palmer, H.M.S. Argus. Amongst the large attendance were the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Lieut. Col. Clarke (commanding the Queen's), Lieut. Col. Robinson (commanding the R.A.), Major Allan, D.A.A., Q.M.G., Sir Victor Mackenzie (commanding the Scots Guards), and Group Capt. Robertson, R.A.F., Kai Tak.

Scots Guards Band.

Members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association assembled on Battery Path shortly before the commencement of the service, and under Lieut. Col. Hayley Boli, marched to the Cathedral, where they took the special seats reserved for them. The British Legion was also well represented.

Military detachments attended from the R.A., R.E., R.A.C., R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C., and Royal Corps of Signals, in addition to the Queen's and Scots Guards Battalions. These detachments marched to the Cathedral headed by the band of the Scots Guards. All naval ships were also represented.

There was also present a contingent from the Girl Guides, under Lady Stuart Taylor and Mrs. H. R. Remington.

As representing the Old Cliftonian Society, Earl Haig's old school, there were present Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. R. J. Birbeck, and Mr. R. H. Hoggis, in addition to Major General Luard and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman.

The Service.

The service was conducted by the Right Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria. Others taking part were the Chaplain, the Rev. N. V. Halward, assistant chaplain, the Rev. H. V. Koop, the Dean, the Rev. Alfred Swann, D.S.C., the Rev. L. Webb, C.F., and Revs. W. R. Cannell, C.E.B., Updell, G. T. Waldegrave, C. B. Shann, W. W. Rogers, and G. F. Stopford. The opening lessons were read by the Rev. L. Webb.

The service commenced with the processional hymn, "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing," which was followed by prayers and the 23rd Psalm. After the Lesson from Revelations 21, 1-7, the Nunc (Continued on Page 12.)

DUBLIN'S WOMEN INCITERS.

REFUSE NAMES AND APPEAR MOST AMUSED.

FACE SERIOUS CHARGE.

London, Feb. 2.

Two women, who have steadily refused to give their names, have been arrested in Dublin, and charged with conspiracy to publish criminal and seditious libels concerning Mr. James McNellie, the recently-installed Governor-General of the Irish Free State.

Similar charges have been preferred in the case of the Minister of Justice of the Free State, Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, and others, while the indictment also includes charges of conspiracy to incite members of the public to murder the new Governor-General or other persons connected with the Government.

The women were remanded, after a brief hearing, and granted bail in the sum of £300 each.

Counsel for the prosecution told the Court that the defendants were charged with passing in buildings documents which asked "Who were the Invincibles?" and stating that they were the men who in 1882 executed two of England's officials.

The demeanour of the two women caused considerable amusement during the whole proceeding. —*Reuter.*

SERIOUS INCIDENT AT SHASI.

CHINESE TROOPS OCCUPY CONSULATE.

BRITISH PROTEST.

Shasi, Feb. 2.

The British Consulate, together with other British buildings, were taken over by a portion of the 21st Army yesterday, and the British Consul General has sent a protest to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Up to the present, there are no other untoward incidents to report, and an air of quiet is prevailing.

Another Protest.

In view of the fact that bullet notices have been posted on British buildings here, the British Consul has sent a communication to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, protesting against this action.

Following on the evacuation of General Yang Sen's forces from this town and vicinity, reports state that a section of the 19th Army, commanded by General Hu Tsung-shan, has arrived here. General Hu Tsung-shan is the man by whose authority the Wuhan Parity was established. —*Naval Wireless.*

FRANCO-JAPANESE ENTENTE?

PROPOSALS MADE BY FRENCH DEPUTY.

Paris, Jan. 27.

Under the auspices of the *Pacific Review*, M. Leon Archimbaud, Deputy of the Drome, held a conference in Sorbonne on the commercial relations which should be established between French Indo-China and Japan. The speaker revealed that the interests of Japan, Indo-China and France are identical on the political terrain. The union of the two nations, on a common understanding, will contribute in a most marked way to the cause of universal peace. —*Indo-Pacific.*

[This opinion corresponds to views hitherto expressed by responsible officials of both sides and to different Missions exchanged within the last two years between French Indo-China and Japan.]

TREASON TRIAL SENSATION.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER DISCLOSURES.

SECRETS OF A BERLIN SPY'S "DARK-ROOM."

HEAVY SENTENCES.

Leipzig, Feb. 2.

A sensational high treason trial, at which the notorious Zinovieff Letter was brought into considerable prominence, ended at the Leipzig Supreme Court to-day, when the ex-convict, Anton Schreck, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Schreck was in the dock for "the repeated crime of the forgery of documents and offences against the espionage laws."

The prosecution accused Schreck of selling to Poland and France military documents which hampered the negotiations in connexion with the Locarno Peace Conference when presented as proof of German insincerity.

Pacifist's Disclosures.

The German pacifist, Karl Mertens, who attended the Court, travelling from Geneva to Leipzig on a "safe-conduct," as there is a warrant out against him on a treason charge, in his evidence said that it was rumoured at Geneva that the Zinovieff Letter was forged at No. 1, Anhaltstrasse, Berlin, which turned out to be the house in which Schreck lived.

The Public Prosecutor said it was quite evident that the most dangerous things designed against the peace of the world went on in the "dark-room" at No. 1, Anhaltstrasse.

Two other men accused with Schreck, Hermann Koch and H. Schulz were also sentenced. Koch was sent to penal servitude for 22 months and fined 100 marks on a charge of attempted high treason, and Schulz was sentenced to four and a half months' imprisonment on a charge of perjury. —*Reuter.*

The Notorious Letter.

The notorious Zinovieff letter, which caused such a sensation in British political circles in 1924, and, thrown as a bombshell on the eve of the General Election, resulted in the Conservative return by a huge majority, incited the British Communist Party to stir up revolution.

One part stated that armed warfare by the proletariat must be preceded by a struggle against the incitements to compromise which are imbedded among the majority of British workmen against the peaceful extermination of capitalism. It went on: "Agitation and propaganda in the Army is very weak and the Navy is little better." It suggested means of paralysing "bourgeois" military preparation, and turning the revolution into a class war. In Ireland and the Colonies, the letter confessed, the case was different, and this represented too great a factor of success for them to waste their time on the prolonged preparation of the working class.

M. Zinovieff and M. Rakowsky, to whom a strong Foreign Office (Labour) protest was addressed promptly disclaimed the letter and declared it to be an impudent forgery.

The Soviet offered recourse to an impartial arbitration to establish the fact that it was a forgery. It is somewhat coincidental that Mr. J. D. Gregory, who signed the Foreign Office protest to M. Rakowsky "in the absence of the Secretary of State" is the high Foreign Office official mentioned in the Dyne case.

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KUOMINTANG IN CONFERENCE.

COMMUNISM & IMPERIALISM DENOUNCED.

NEW FOREIGN POLICY.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

The inaugural ceremony of the 4th Kuomintang Plenary Conference took place yesterday morning at the Kuomintang Headquarters, Nanking. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Executive Commissioners: Chiang Kai-shek, Chu Min-yi, Wang Lok-ping, (Leftist), Chen Shiu-yun, (Leftist), Chu Chi-ching, Tan Yen-kai, Pei Yun-ti (Monoglian), Mrs. Liao Chung-kai (Leftist), Wang Shi, T. V. Soong, Ting Chao-wuh, (Leftist), Wang Fa-chun (Leftist), Chang Kanyu, Yu Yu-jen, Li Lich-chun, Ho Ying-ching, Chu Pei-leh, Ting Wei-fan, and Chen Shao-ying. Supervisory Commissioners: Chang Ching-kiang, Shao Li-tze, Li Shih-chang, Li Chung-jen, Chen Kuo-fu, and Chai Yuan-pei.

The total number of Kuomintang Central Commissioners present was 23, but there were 300 others in attendance, including many pressmen.

Chiang's Speech.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek delivered the opening speech, in which he declared that all comrades should work together to accomplish two aims. The first was to get rid of the Communists and to abide by the Party's principles; the second was that whilst efforts should be made to get rid of the Communists, they should not forget "Imperialism" and the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement—the former should be overthrown and the latter should be carried through.

After the inaugural meeting, an informal meeting was held, in which Marshal Chiang Kai-shek presided. This meeting decided to begin the regular session of the Conference immediately. The hours for the meetings will be 9 to 12 in the forenoon and 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

It was also decided that a special Committee should be appointed for the adjustment of foreign policy. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Tan Yen-kai, Li Lich-chun, Yu Yu-jen, Li Shih-chang and T. V. Soong were appointed members of this Committee. —*From a Correspondent.*

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OVERHAUL.

SEQUEL TO SEVENOAKS DISASTER.

London, Feb. 2.

As a sequel to the disaster at Sevenoaks, and the other two derailments which occurred last year, and which were ascribed officially to "track defects," the wholesale overhaul of large sections of the permanent way of the Southern Railway is to be undertaken.

Special attention is being paid to the boat routes and to those sections of the track where the speed of express trains is sixty or seventy miles an hour.

Reconstruction of those parts of the line which had been much affected by the rainy weather of last summer, was begun some months ago, and by end of 1928, it is estimated, nearly 400 miles of tracks will have been relaid. —*British Wireless.*

WOMEN OF STEEL.

HUGE FIRM CONTROLLED BY FOUR WOMEN.

New York, Feb. 2.

Following the death of Mr. James Corrigan, the millionaire steel magnate, last week, the control of the Corrigan-McKinley Steel Company, which is capitalised at \$4,000,000 has passed into the hands of four women.

The "principal" stockholder is Mrs. Corrigan, his widow, the well-known London Society hostess. —*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITAIN CAUSES ALARM.

OBJECTION TO 8-HOUR CONVENTION.

WORKERS EXPRESS BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.

Geneva, Feb. 2.

A new British policy towards the Washington Eight-hour Convention, was outlined by Mr. H. B. Betterton, the British Government delegate to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office.

Mr. Betterton declared that most serious difficulties had arisen which would hinder the carrying out of the Convention, which had been concluded hurriedly without sufficient experience of the question of the reduction of hours of labour.

Consequently, he went on, Britain thought it more important to revise the constitution instead of adhering to the present wording, and he proposed that the Governing Body should include the revision of the Convention in the agenda of the 1929 Conference.

In the meantime, he suggested that the Labour Office should prepare a report for submission to the April Session after which it should be circulated to all States for their opinions.

Bitterly Disappointed.

The workers' delegates strongly dissented from the British proposals. M. Jouhaux, France, declared that he was bitterly disappointed, and pointed out that the Continental delegates who travelled to Washington accepted the British standpoint in order to avoid difficulties, and that the British delegates accepted the third text of the Convention.

Delegates representing British and French employers supported Mr. Betterton, while the German Government delegate proposed the postponement of a decision until the April Session.

Proposals Premature.

The meeting finally adopted a suggestion put forward by the French and Belgian Government delegates, that discussions regarding the procedure be instituted during the next Session, when the question of whether the revision of the Convention should be placed on the agenda for the 1929 Conference would be discussed.

Mr. Albert Thomas declared that the eight-hour day had been introduced practically everywhere. Moreover, he said, the British proposal was premature since the rules of procedure must be formulated before revision could be undertaken. —*Reuter.*

Official Explanation.

London, Feb. 2. Mr. H. B. Betterton, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, made an important announcement to-day to the Executive Council of the International Labour Office at Geneva.

Referring to the procedure for the revision of the International Conventions sponsored by the Labour Office, he recalled the difficulties encountered by the great industrial countries, particularly Great Britain, in proceeding to the ratification of the Washington Eight-Hours Convention.

Modern Industrial Complexity.

He observed that the Convention contained dispositions which could not be made to conform to the complexity of modern industrial life. Despite all efforts to that end, general ratification was always impeded by these great difficulties.

The British Government, therefore, considered that a wise procedure would be to undertake the revision of the Convention. By such a revision they considered an agreement might be possible among the great industrial Powers.

The British Government, he pointed out, had already set on foot a discussion of the subject between the employers and the workers' organisations in Great Britain. Mr. Betterton added that the British Government had asked the Executive of the Convention to attend the Labour Conference to be convened in 1929. —*British Wireless.*

FRANCE AND "IRON WALL."

DR. STRESEMANN WANDERING IN OLIVE GROVES.

M. BRIAND'S SYMPATHY

Paris, Feb. 2.

Two long-awaited Ministerial statements were made simultaneously, one in the Senate and the other in the Chamber.

M. Poincare, the Premier and Minister of Finance, addressing the Chamber, dealt with the measures adopted to balance the Budget. The organisation of debt redemption, he declared, has resulted in a world-wide return of confidence in French national finances, pointing out that the floating debt had been reduced by over seven milliard francs.

Both foreign and domestic credits had become abundant, he added, citing improvements like the reduction of the discount rate, and the *de facto* stabilisation of exchange.

In conclusion, he stated that the Banque de France now dominated the exchange market.

Foreign Policy.

M. Briand, the Foreign Minister, in the Senate, gave a lengthy review of foreign affairs, declaring that he welcomed the dialogue across the frontier with Dr. Stresemann, as leading to decisive explanations, by which misunderstandings could be entirely dissipated.

The Locarno Pact, he said, contained both mystical and practical elements which had to be reconciled, but he considered that Dr. Stresemann was wandering amidst olive groves.

The Locarno Pact, declared M. Briand, had the tendency to hold out the hand to receive rather than to give. Germany must realise that the two countries were bound to meet with difficulties before they could hope to reach a healthy understanding. —*Reuter.*

ELOQUENT APPEAL BY VICEROY.

INDIA AT CROSSROADS OF HER DESTINY.

SIMON COMMISSION.

Delhi, Feb. 2.

The futility of boycotting the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon, which is to arrive at Bombay to-morrow was emphasised in an eloquent speech by Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, addressing the two Houses of the Legislature to-day.

In opening what was bound to prove one of the most momentous sessions in the history of the Legislature, with the public gallery crowded, His Excellency the Viceroy, declared the accusations that the Commission amounted to a deliberate insult were merely the product of heated imaginations.

The boycott policy at best, he said, would only lead to disappointment. At the worst, the consequences might be serious, consequences with which India, unhappily, was not without experience in the past.

He pleaded that India would not mistake the correct road when she stood at one of the cross-roads of her destiny.

The speech was greeted with loud applause. Forty-seven Swarajist members were absent. —*Reuter.*

BRISTOL POLLING.

TITLED LADY LABOURITE NOT ELECTED.

London, Feb. 2.

The result of the by-election at Bristol (West), caused by the elevation of Lieut. Col. the Right Hon. G. A. Gibbs, (Conservative), to the Peerage, resulted as follows:

Mr. C. T. Culverwell (Con.) ... 10,970
Lady Clare Ammery (Lab.) ... 7,702
Mr. W. N. Marney (Lab.) ... 4,490

—*Reuter.*

[At the General Election, Lieut. Col. Gibbs was elected by an overwhelming majority. He polled 23,574, whilst his Labour opponent, Mr. M. Gibbs, registered 6,276 votes.]

EARL HAIG'S LAST RITES.

BURIAL NEAR WALTER SCOTT.

ARMY COUNCIL'S WONDERFUL TRIBUTE.

"GLORIOUS EXAMPLE."

London, Feb. 2.

The remains of the late Earl Haig will be interred in the family vault at Dryburgh Abbey in Scotland on Tuesday. It has been announced, Dryburgh Abbey is near Bomersey House, the late Field Marshal's home, and the vault in which he will be buried is next to the burial place of Sir Walter Scott.

After the funeral service in Westminster Abbey to-morrow, the coffin will be entrusted for Edinburgh, and arriving in the Scottish capital at about midnight, it will be received by General Sir William Poyton, the General Officer Commanding Scotland, and his Staff.

Two squadrons of Scots Greys and the Pipe Band of the Cameron Highlanders will be in attendance. Members of the British Legion will march through the city to St. Giles' Cathedral, where the body will lie in state until Monday, when it will be conveyed to Dryburgh Abbey.

Heavy Loss.

The following Army Order was issued this evening: "The Army Council, on the melancholy occasion of the death of Field Marshal Earl Haig, desire to place on record their sense of the heavy loss which the Army and Empire have sustained."

The late Field Marshal had already served in many campaigns with great distinction and had held appointments where he had had opportunities of training the troops whom he subsequently commanded in the Great War. As the Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, he bore, through four long years, the heaviest burden which has ever been carried by a British soldier in the history of the Empire.

"He led the forces of the Empire to victory and placed his countrymen under a debt of gratitude which is fully acknowledged, now and, the Council are persuaded, will be no less fully recognised by succeeding generations."

"Always studious of the welfare of the troops under his command in the field, since the war, he devoted without stint his time and great energy to promoting the interests of those who had risked their employment, health and lives in the service of the King. He has left to the army an imperishable memory and to the Empire a glorious example."

The Pall-Bearers.

It is announced by the War office that Field Marshal Sir William Robertson has been forbidden by his doctor to act as pall-bearer at the Westminster Service, and that his place will be taken by General Lord Cavan.

Among the messages of condolence received to-day by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain was one from the Brazilian Government. —*British Wireless.*

POLITICAL WRITER'S CRITICISMS.

MOST DRASTIC HUNGARIAN SENTENCES.

Budapest, Feb. 2.

Louis Hatvan, the famous writer and politician, was sentenced after a trial lasting one day, to seven years' imprisonment, a fine of 2500, the payment of £17,600 to the Treasury, the payment of the costs of the prosecution, and the loss of political rights for ten years.

These drastic penalties were inflicted in consequence of his writings, criticising the White regime in Hungary while he was in exile following the downfall of the Communist regime. On his return from exile, Hatvan was arrested and tried on a charge of damaging the good name of Hungary abroad. —*Reuter.*

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7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes	8.00 to 8.15 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10 a.m.	7½	8.15 to 10.15 a.m.
10 a.m. to 12 noon	15	10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
12 noon to 2.00 p.m.	7½	12.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	15	2.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
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FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

DR. T. W. PEARCE TO RETIRE.

The news that Dr. T. W. Pearce is retiring from active participation in mission service calls for more than just passing mention. To have spent close on fifty years in public service of such a varied kind is something that few men have had the opportunity or the ability to do. From the day that Dr. Pearce landed in Canton, in November 1879, he has been giving of his best to the cause of Christ and of the uplifting of the Chinese people.

For more than eleven years, without a break, he worked in Canton and there laid the foundation of the Chinese scholarship, which has won him such marked recognition. For a good part of that time he was the only representative of the London Missionary Society in that great city. He shared in all the activities of the Mission, but as always, Dr. Pearce was more than simply a member of a Mission. He took his full part in all the co-operative work that makes such feature of the Christian movement in China. He was always the servant of the community.

In 1893 he was transferred to Hongkong, and those who have been any length of time in the Colony do not need to be reminded of the service that he has rendered. He has touched the life of the community at all points. As some one remarked the other day "from the Cricket Pavilion to the Council Chamber, Dr. Pearce is known, and wherever he is known he is respected and beloved."

Record of Service.

His services to the Chinese Church, in every part of its work, have been abundant and have borne rich fruit. In the cause of Christian education, whether in the Government department, the Board of Education, or in the Court of the University, he has been unceasing in his endeavours to forward the progress of all that made for the real enlightenment of the Chinese people. To the Christian cause throughout all China, through the work he has done in the revision of the Scriptures, he has made a contribution that will long be remembered.

The London Missionary Society has had, in its long history in South China, men who have been known not only as missionaries of a particular Society but as leaders in the whole Christian movement for the uplift of China and the regeneration of the Chinese people. Morrison, Legge and Chalmers are names that will be remembered as among the founders of the Christian Church in China, and the name of Dr. Pearce will be associated with these worthies as one who worthily maintained the great succession.

Now that Dr. Pearce is laying down the task at which he has worked so long and given of his best so unsparringly there will be many who will follow him into his retirement with their affectionate good-will, and pray that every blessing may rest upon him.

The members of the London Mission in South China put on record their sense of the loss that the Mission is sustaining in this retirement, as well as their appreciation of the work Dr. Pearce has done, in the following resolution, which was passed at the meeting of the District Committee held a few weeks ago:

An Appreciation.
To Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E.:—
"The members of the South China District Committee of the London Missionary Society desire to record their profound sense of gratitude to God for all the service that the Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E. has rendered to the cause of the Kingdom of God in China throughout the forty-eight years of his connexion with the South China Mission. It has been given to few men to serve the whole missionary cause in as many ways as our honoured and beloved

KIDNAPPERS.

MURDER PARENTS TO STEAL CHILDREN.

As a consequence of a police raid on No. 32 Gough Street on Wednesday, the police secured the release of three children, two boys and one girl, who were the victims of a tragic kidnapping plot.

According to information gathered yesterday, it would appear that the parents of the children were murdered in their village by a band of armed kidnappers, who in addition to children stole a good number of cattle and pigs from their victims.

The kidnappers brought the three children to Hongkong with a view to negotiating a sale. For that purpose they entrusted the children to the care of two women.

Information reached the police as to the whereabouts of the local haunt of the gang of kidnappers and as a result a raid was carried out on the house in Gough Street, but contrary to the expectations of the authorities none of the male members of the gang were caught. The two women connected with the gang were on the premises at the time of the raid and were taken into custody.

It is learned that prior to the raid arrangements were concluded regarding the sale of one of the children. The kidnappers had arranged to sell one of the boys for \$130.

The children are at present at the Po Leung Kuk and the authorities are trying to get in touch with their relatives with a view to sending them back to their native village.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

HONGKONG APPOINTMENTS.

It is announced in the London Gazette of January 3, that the King has sanctioned the following promotions in and appointments to the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:

As Commander.—Edwin Ralphs.
As Officer.—Wilfred Vincent Miller Koch.

The Long Service Medal of the Order has also been awarded to A. Morris.

senior colleague. In the development of the Chinese Church both in Kwong Tung and in Hongkong, in educational work in all departments from the grant-in-aid schools to the University he has rendered notable service. His share in the revision of the Wen Li version of the Holy Scriptures has enriched the life of the Church throughout all China. The services he has so ungrudgingly given to the public life of Hongkong have won for him a recognition that has brought not only honour to him, but to the Mission with which he has been for so long a member. He has worthily sustained the great succession of L. M. S. Missionaries connected with South China, Morrison, Legge, and Chalmers.

As members of the District Committee we have all learnt to revere and love him, to count on his wise counsel and to trust his clear judgment. Out of his long experience and encyclopaedic knowledge of things Chinese he has enriched our deliberations. His genial spirit, warm heart, and thorough conscientiousness have inspired and encouraged us all.

Now that he is passing to a time of well-earned rest, we commend him to the God and Father of us all, praying that he may have the blessing of the Lord and Saviour; he has so faithfully served. We shall ever treasure the memory of his association with us and hope that in some way his knowledge and experience may still be available for us and that from time to time we may have the benefit of his counsel. We are sure that we can count on his continual intercession for us as we endeavour to carry forward the work in which he for so long has had so large a share."—Contributed.

ARMED ROBBERY.

AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI STREET RECALLED.

An armed robbery committed at No. 324 Shanghai Street on the night of January 16 was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when a Chinese was charged in connexion with the affair.

Inspector Fallon prosecuting, said that the complainant, a Chinese doctor, resided at No. 324 Shanghai Street and was introduced to the defendant on January 13, when the latter visited his house under the pretext of renting a cubicle which was vacant at the time.

He made several calls on the complainant and on each occasion partook of some opium and then left. On the night of January 16 he again went to the house but this time the defendant had with him two friends. After they had gone to the cubicle and smoked opium, the two friends produced revolvers which they pointed at the complainant. He was then bound and gagged.

The defendant searched the doctor's pockets and extracted \$40 and the three then ransacked the flat, taking money and clothing to the value of \$111.

The following day the defendant was seen in Reclamation Street by the friend who had officiated at the introductions on the 13th. The complainant went with this friend and had the defendant arrested.

The case was adjourned.

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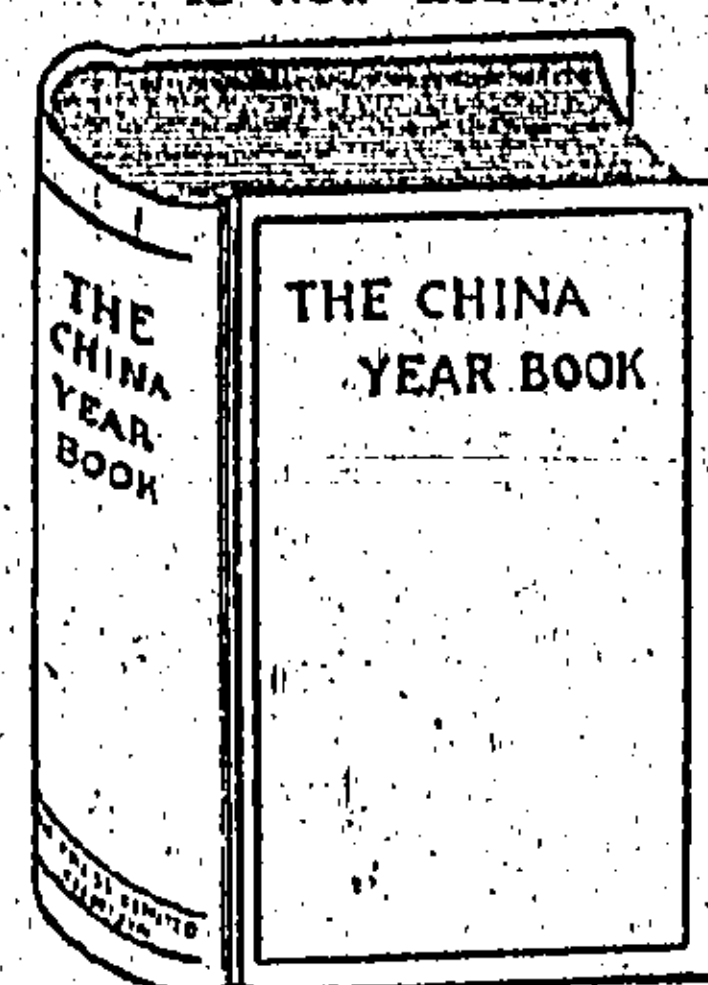
The reaction of the Fengpiao currency notes to Peking's efforts to raise a large war fund in Manchuria has been a steady decline.

Last November the rate of exchange was 100 yen to 1,000 Fengpiao. Before Chinese New Year the rate had fallen to 2,500 Fengpiao, while the latest quotations for spot business are 3,800, and for forward business between 4,000 and 5,000 Fengpiao to 100 yen.—Renter.

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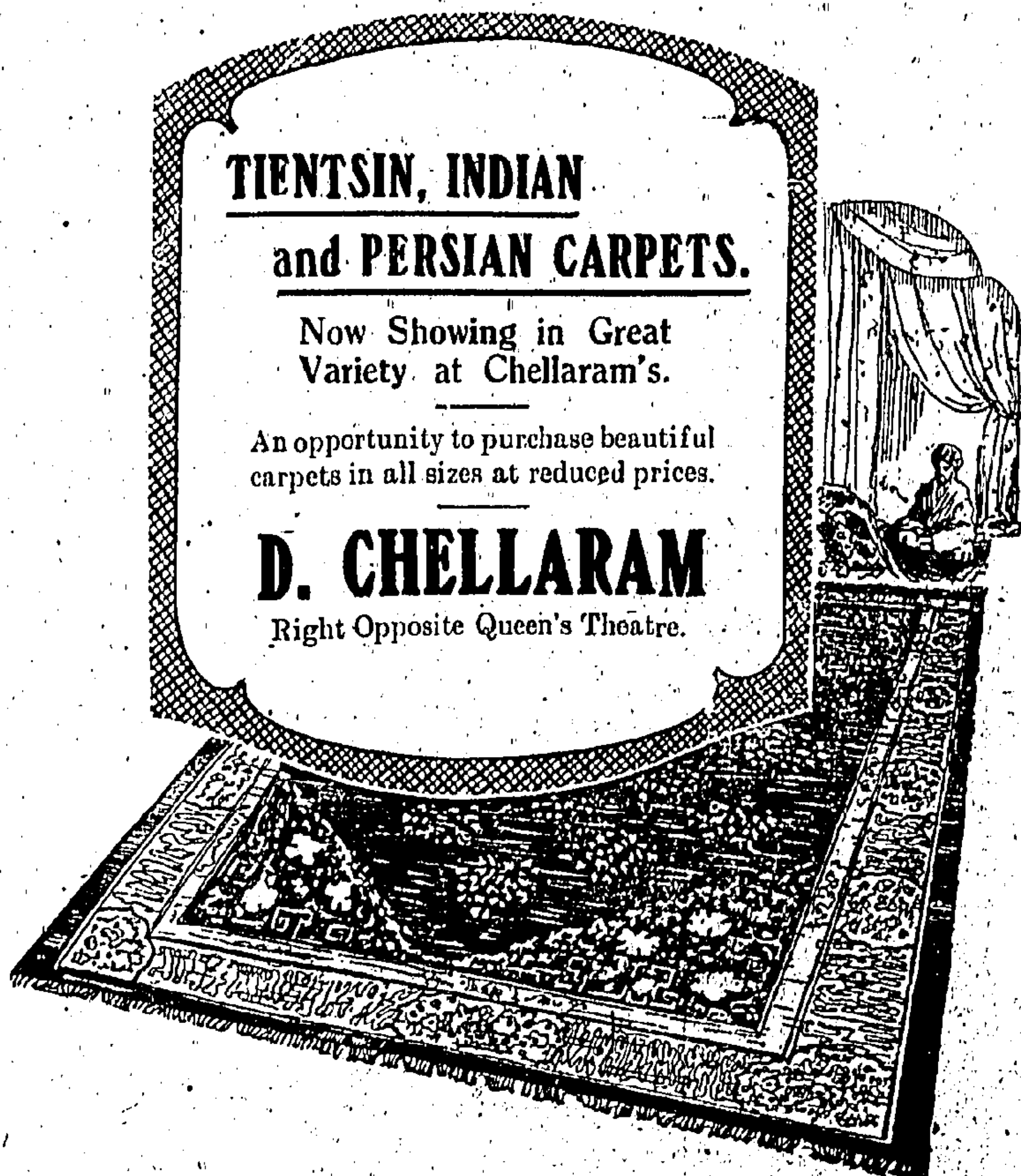
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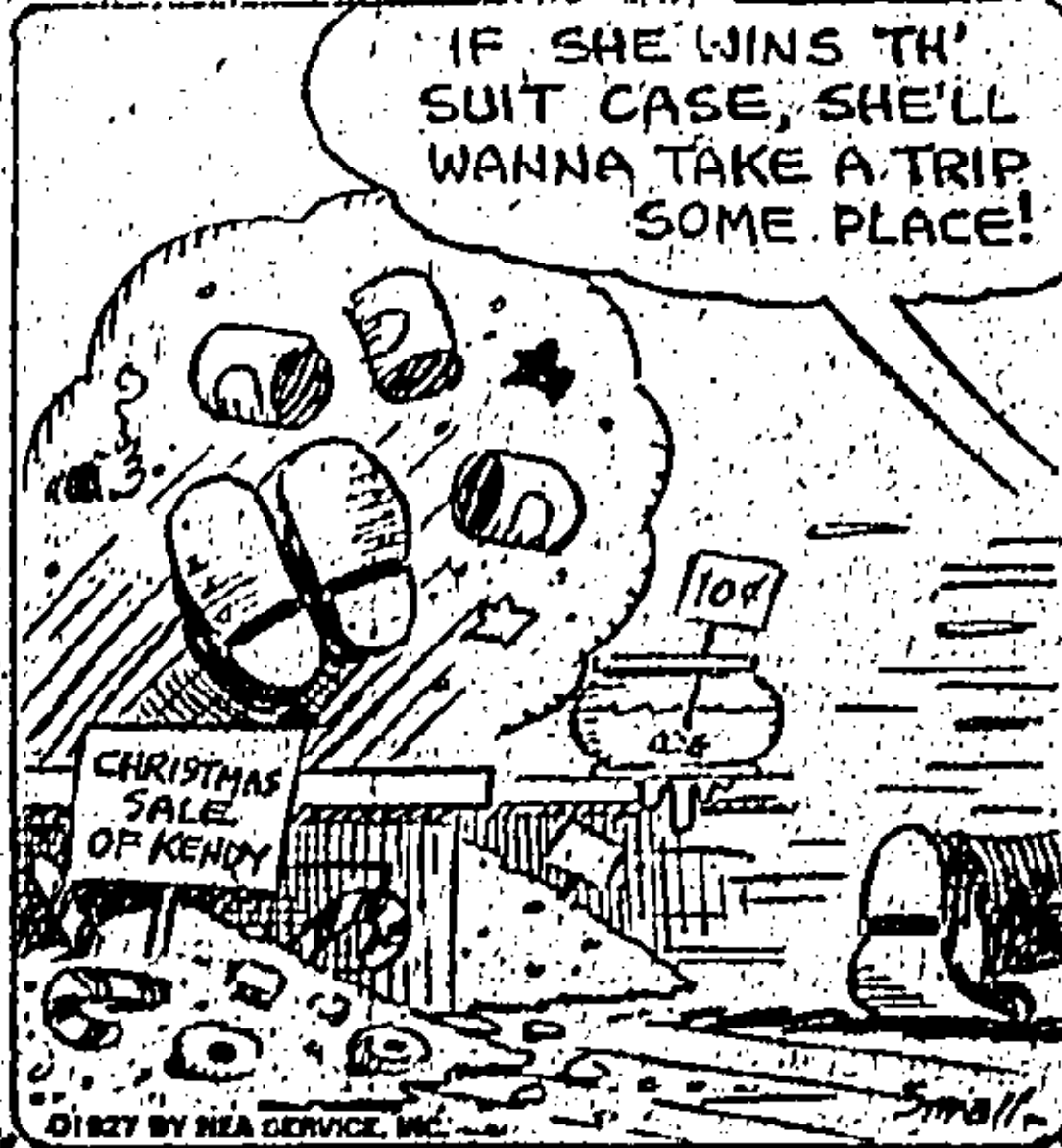
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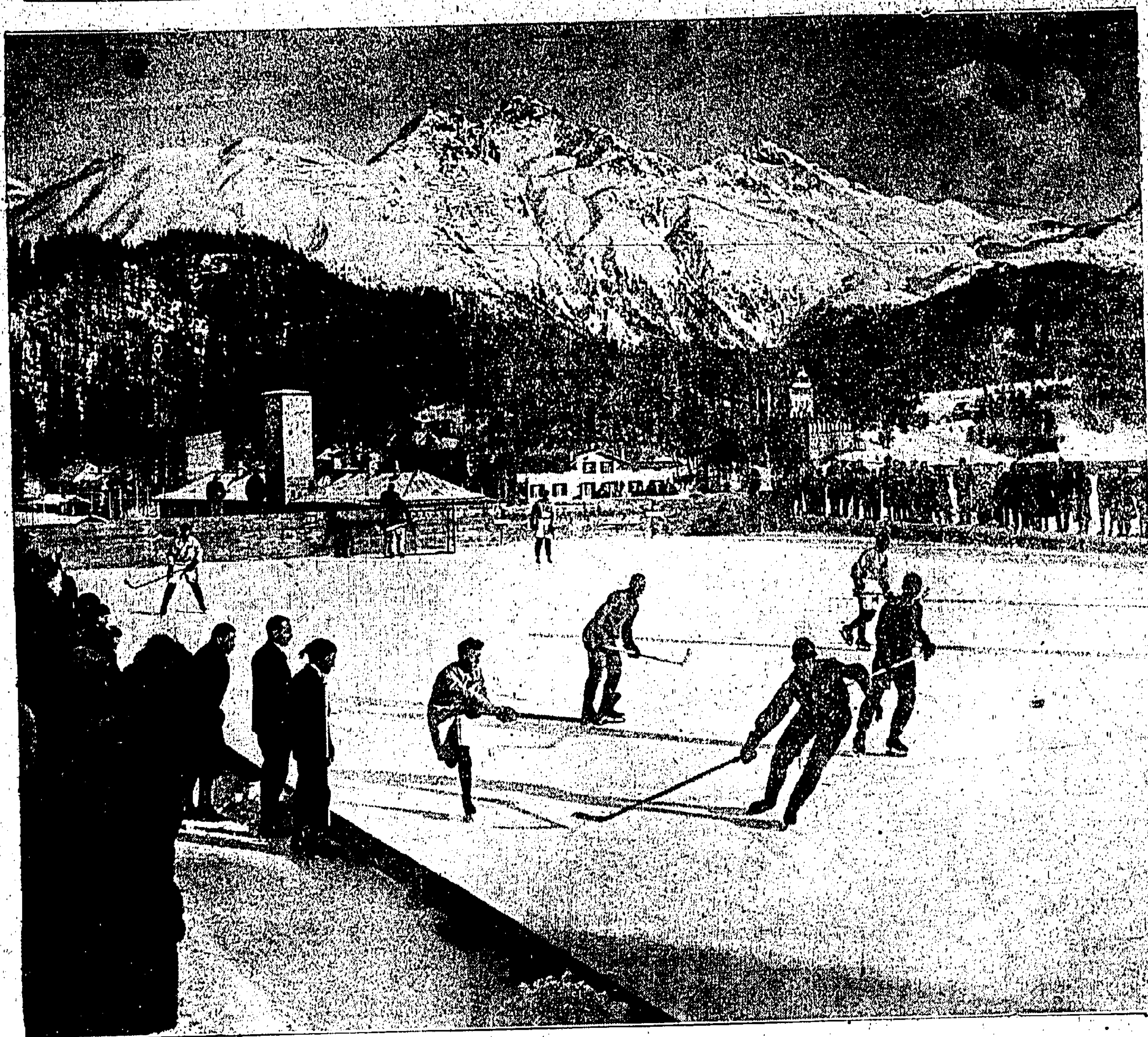
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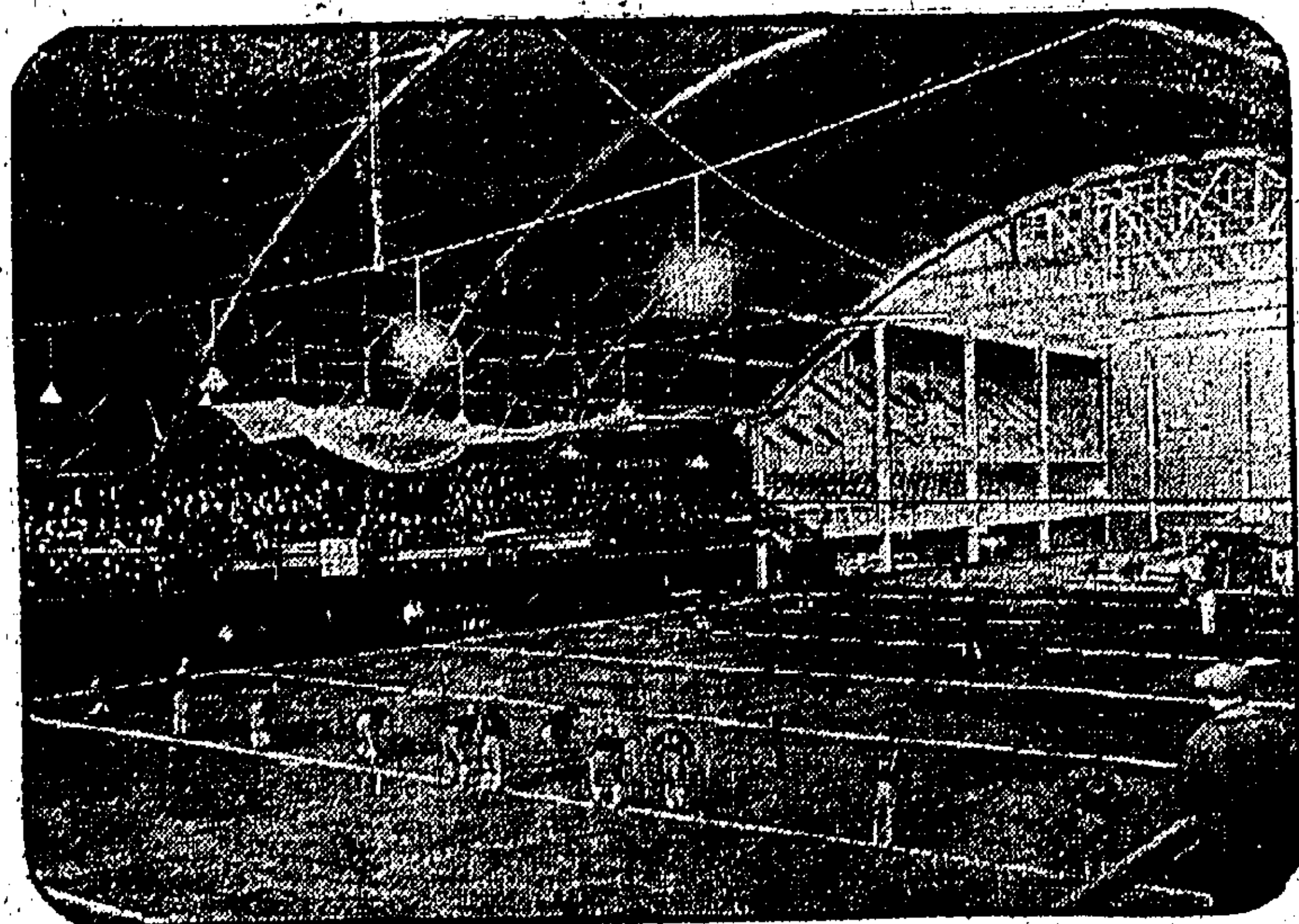




After a short delay, due to the sudden spell of drought, the Swiss winter sports season opened under promising conditions. Snow and severe cold prevails throughout the country. Our photograph shows the first important ice-hockey match of the season, between St. Moritz and Davos, in progress on the Grand Rink at St. Moritz. (Times copyright).



President Coolidge is shown as Grand Rapids (Mich.) business men presented him with an elaborate invitation from the Grand Rapids Market Association to attend the Furniture Market in January when furniture buyers from all parts of the country visited Grand Rapids.



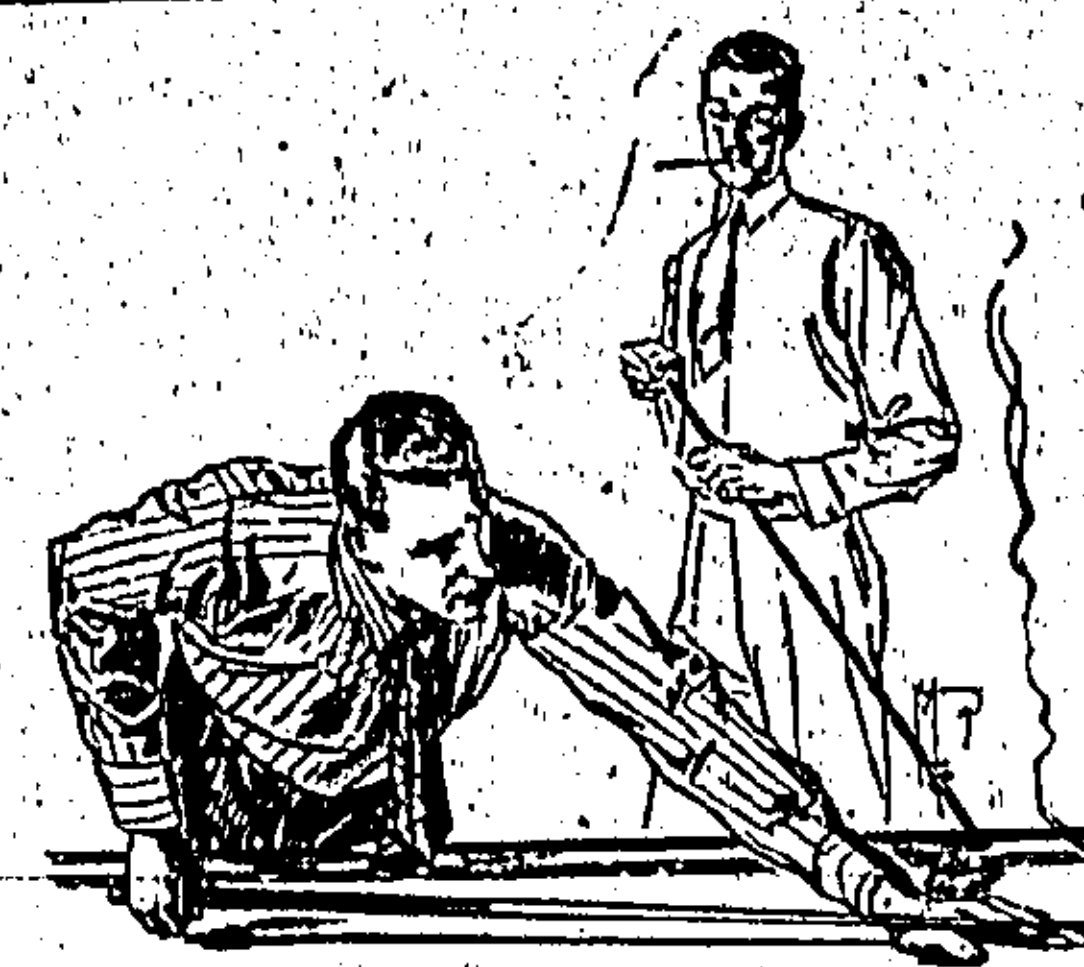
The annual Western Conference indoor track and field championships are to be held at Iowa City, Ia., on March 9 and 10 in the new University of Iowa field house, shown above. The indoor field is the largest in America and cost \$450,000 to build. It has a cinder track of six laps to the mile and will accommodate 8000 spectators.



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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 11th February to SATURDAY 18th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1928.

CONVITE.

A Comissão Directora e Membros do Clube de Recreio tem a honra de convidar a Comunidade Portuguesa desta colonia para assistir a inauguração do seu novo edificio em King's Park, Kowloon, no sabado, 4 do corrente, as 15-1/2 horas. Ao acto de inauguração presidirá S. Exa o Sr. Governador de Hong Kong, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

FRED A. XAVIER,

Secretario.

Kowloon, 3 de Fevereiro de 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

G. H. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of Feb. 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of three Lots of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Ma Tau Wei in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

NAVY LEAGUE.

(Hongkong Branch).

The Annual General meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m. in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., (by kind permission).

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L. M. WHYTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1928.



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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

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Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1928.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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Straits, Shanghai and Swatow	Kidderpore	February 3.
Straits, U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	February 4.
Straits, Manila	Pres. Pierce	February 5.
Australia and Manila	Kashima Maru	February 6.
Manila	Pres. Madison	February 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Tanda	February 8.
Australia and Manila	Changto	February 9.
Manila	Emp. of Australia	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Kamo Maru	February 10.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	February 10.
Straits	Hakono Maru	February 10.
Japan	Mishima Maru	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	February 21.
OUTWARD MAILS.		
Saigon	For	Per
Japan	Wong Shek Kung	Due
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Kidderpore	Fri., Feb. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Szechuan	Fri., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Tibodas	Fri., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Chinhua	Fri., Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Sat., Feb. 4.
K.P.O.		
Parcels	3rd Feb. 4.30 p.m.	
Registration	4th Feb. 9 a.m.	
Letters	4th Feb. 10 a.m.	
G.P.O.		
Parcels	3rd Feb. 5 p.m.	
Registration	4th Feb. 9.45 a.m.	
Letters	4th Feb. 10.30 a.m.	
(Due Marseilles 2nd March.)		
Saigon	Telemaichus	Sat., Feb. 4, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Chianio	Sat., Feb. 4, 6 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Tykombang	Sat., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaio Maru	Sun., Feb. 5, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Suwa Maru	Sun., Feb. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Suwa Maru Mon.	Feb. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Mon., Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Kashima Maru Mon.	Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Ginyo Maru	Mon., Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Hydrangea	Mon., Feb. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Pres. Pierce Mon.	Feb. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Helios	Tues., Feb. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haining	Tues., Feb. 7, 1 p.m.
Persian		
K.P.O.		
Registration	1 p.m.	
Letters	1.15 p.m.	
Registration	1.45 p.m.	
Letters	2.30 p.m.	
(Dup Marseilles 8th March.)		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Tues., Feb. 7.
Parcels		
Registration	3 p.m.	
Letters	4.15 p.m.	
(Due Victoria, B.C. 27th February.)		
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Tues., Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Letter		
Java via Batavia	Tilsondari	Wed., Feb. 8, 1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausung	Thurs., Feb. 9, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Feb. 10, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kamo Maru	Sat., Feb. 11.
K.P.O.		
Registration	Feb. 10, 4.30 p.m.	
Letters	Feb. 11, 9 a.m.	
G.P.O.		

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended February 2nd, 1907.

The rate of the dollars on demand was 2s. 2.13/16d.

Hongkong Harbour was swept by a sudden gale on January 28th, which, though lasting only ten minutes, caused the sinking of some thirty sampans and junks and resulted in 35 Chinese being drowned.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. (Later Sir Henry) May presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society, at which a balance of \$208 was reported.

An address was given at St. Stephen's College prize distribution by H. E. Dr. Wu Ting-fang (father of Dr. C. C. Wu), who told students that they might be clever but without morals they could not succeed.

The marriage took place at St. Joseph's Church of Mr. H. W. Bird and Miss Nora Vernon.

The annual report of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. showed a net profit of \$140,551. A dividend of 8 per cent. was recommended.

Mr. T. H. King and Mr. D. W. Trautman passed their final examinations in Cantonese.

The Volunteer Ball, held at the City Hall, was a great success.

\$1,500,000 TO BE SHARED OUT.

ACCUMULATION DURING A CENTURY.

Berlin, Dec. 30. A huge windfall, the story of which forms a welcome contrast to the monotonous practice of rich cousins dying intestate in South America, is just now awaiting distribution by a Berlin solicitor.

At the beginning of last century a certain Fraulein Volkstedt married a certain Herr Mansfeld, of Brunswick. Herr Mansfeld amassed a fortune in shipping at Hamburg and died in Ceylon in 1825. His widow migrated to Vienna and died there in 1827, leaving \$15,000 which she had invested in England. Her will contained the curious provision that none of the fortune was to be distributed till the expiry of 100 years, which period has now elapsed. Meanwhile the \$15,000 accumulated at compound interest has swollen to a figure which is reputed to be in the neighbourhood of \$1,500,000.

Two hundred and fifty persons are stated to have already applied for their share of the bequest and further applicants are invited to submit their claims for scrutiny. It is not yet disclosed whether the British Inland Revenue Authorities have staked a claim for death duties, but if they do they promise to be the biggest beneficiaries of Frau Mansfeld's foresight.

VALLEY GOLF.

MATCH BETWEEN THE POLICE AND TAIKOO.

A match has been arranged to take place on the course at Happy Valley on Sunday, February 12, between the Police and Taikoo, starting at 9 a.m. The teams are as follows:

Police	Taikoo
P. P. J. Wedhouse, v. R. C. Wallace	
C. E. (Capt.)	
F. E. Booker	v. J. Laing
A. J. W. Worling	v. J. Stewart
Galthorp	v. J. McCubbin
	(Capt.)
T. H. King	v. E. Moore
F. James	v. W. W. G. Davis
W. Kent	v. G. McLeod
A. E. Charman	v. T. Young
E. Ellis	v. J. H. Stewart

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"Just now, for example, is the time to buy woollies." I have arranged with a famous Edinburgh firm to weave me 'woollies' to any design or pattern and in any colour or shade.

"My customers will have free advice and help of my staff, and all they need pay me is a minimum of 10s. when they receive the dress. The remainder of the cost they can pay weekly to suit themselves."

Lady Terrington is also selling antiques at her shop. It has been charmingly furnished.

Homemakers.

ATMOSPHERE OF RESTFULNESS DESIRED.

I have always held that the woman who marries without having first acquired a sound knowledge of the business of housekeeping is

Intriguing Loops.



Thread lace, dyed to match the hat it trims, forms the "loop" as Paris calls the new face veil. Bottle green lace gives elusive beauty to the green velvet turban shown.

Mantilla Combs.

A FASHION HINT FROM SPAIN.

The new style of hair-dressing has brought the new 'Mantilla' comb into favour. It is placed just above the curls, which are

creeping lower and lower on the neck, and stands out from the front in a fan-like curve. As its name implies, in shape it is just like the comb on which Spanish women fix their mantillas. But in texture it is entirely different, for instead of being horn above the prongs, it is made merely of transparent tulle, stiffly wired.

The tulle exactly matches the frock in colour—or some note in the frock. For instance, a society girl caused quite a sensation recently by wearing an oyster-white frock with a scarlet sash and shoes and a huge scarlet tulle comb that rose severely from the curls that fell down her neck.

Just where these curls should be worn depends upon the shape of the chin. If clean-cut, let them reach well down into the nape of the neck, and wear the comb rather low down, too.

If inclined to be heavy, the curls must be higher and the comb almost on the top of the head. This height takes away the heaviness.

Slim Lines.



A sporty, slendering leopard coat with rolling, shawl fox collar.

taking a big risk, because the domestic happiness of all men and most children is very closely connected with physical comfort.

Yet how many husbands of efficient housekeepers and children trained to the perfection of orderliness would not agree with Canon Fairchild when, preaching on a recent Sunday in Bangor Cathedral, he said that domestic science could make a woman into an efficient and accomplished housekeeper, but only God could make her a homemaker!

It is true that no human power can give to a woman who lacks them those qualities that can make a home for the spirit as well as the body. That perception, which sees in an instant when all is not well with a loved one, and that quick sympathy, which makes it possible for all under her care to talk freely to her, are not given to every woman who becomes a wife and mother.

A home should be, above all, a place where those who belong to it can find rest. Here all the bickering, the competition, the suspicion of outside rivals ends, and perfect trust and love and peace should work together to blot the memory of them from tired hearts and minds.

But some of the most efficient housewives pay for their excellence in housekeeping by a lack of all those qualities which create that atmosphere of restfulness so desirable in the home, and it is a nice problem to decide which husband has made the worse bargain, the one who has chosen only a housekeeper, or the one who has secured a spiritual affinity, who has no knowledge of the art of running a house.

CRICKET.

TEAMS TO PLAY IN GAMES ON SATURDAY.

The following will represent the University to-morrow: Against I. R. C. "A" at 2 p.m. at Sookunpo.—C. W. Lam (Capt.), S. V. Gittins, A. A. Rumjahn, Dr. D. Laing, D. K. Samy, W. Hong Sling, F. Barrow, A. P. Gutierrez, E. A. Lee, F. I. Zimmerman, A. T. Lee. Against Police, R. C. 2nd XI. at 2 p.m. at Happy Valley.—A. Baker (Capt.), Dr. M. B. Osman, F. Hipkiss, A. B. Suliman, A. Chan Fook, S. R. Kermani, N. P. Karanjia, K. T. Loke, S. F. Chen, B. H. Schroter, H. T. Barma.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI. v. Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI. at the Kowloon Cricket Club ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow. J. Collis, H. Griffin, H. Hampton, J. E. Hancock, C. P. James, S. Jordan, K. A. Mason, A. H. Penn, G. W. Sewell, W. K. Tait and E. B. West.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI. v. Kowloon Cricket Club 1st XI. at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow. T. E. Pearce, T. Hayward, H. R. B. Hancock, D. W. Leach, C. D. Wales, A. Reid, H. V. Parker, G. Moor, M. M. Mans, H. J. Armstrong and Rev. B. K. Quick.

Recreo v. Volunteers. The following will represent the Club de Recreo against the Volunteers on Sunday at 2 p.m. H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reed, A. P. Gutierrez, L. J. Gutierrez, D. F. Lopes, F. H. Carvalho, E. de Sousa, C. M. Sousa, A. A. Remedios and G. A. Noronha. I. R. C. "A" v. University "A".

The following will represent the I. R. C. "A" against the University in a league match to be played to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the I. R. C. ground. A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.), A. C. Arculli, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Curraem, S. H. Ismail, A. R. Minu, F. M. Arculli, J. S. Aekker and A. K. Minu.

The following team will represent the Chinese R.C. against the Scots Guards on the C.R.C. ground to-morrow afternoon.—Ng Sze-kwong, T. Z. Yeah, H. C. Hung, W. Heung, H. Heung, Teul Wal-pui, W. Kwan, T. E. Yeah, J. L. Youngsny, P. Ching, C. Choa; and Chan Kwan-lum as reserve.

"BEN-HUR."

MIRACLE OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

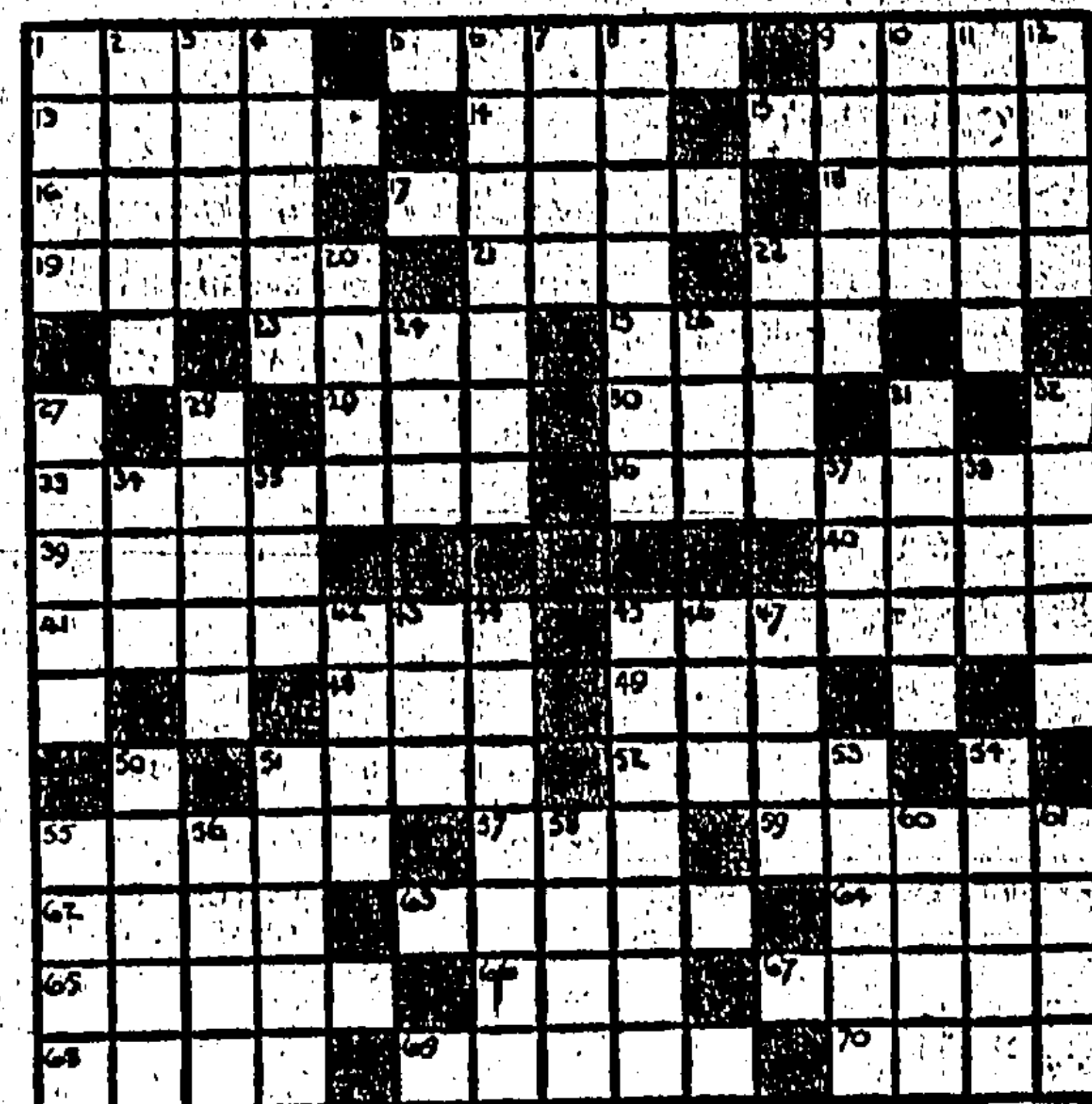
A really astonishing miracle in "Ben-Hur" is attracting much attention. It is the Star of Bethlehem, first a mere point of light and gradually increasing in splendour till its glory fills the heavens on the eve of Christ's nativity. This effect was devised by Ferdinand Earle, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer art director, who has become a specialist in photographic creations. Mr. Earle displays an unusual poetic taste and feeling of Orientalism. His artistry is shown not only by the beautiful Star but also in the figures of the watchers—shepherds, peasants and Wise Men—as they look across the jagged hills of Judea and see the rising radiance that presages the birth of the Holy Child.

GLORIA SWANSON.

"BLUEBEARD'S 8TH WIFE" TO-DAY.

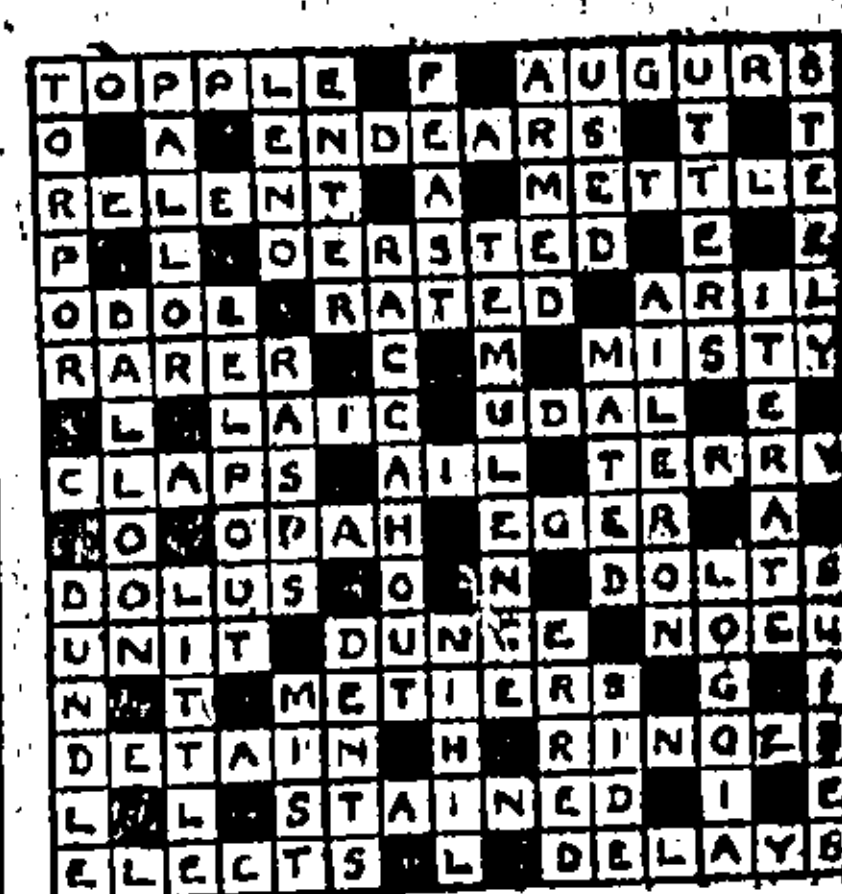
Gloria Swanson's new Paramount picture, "Bluebeard's 8th Wife," which will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, presents the famous star in the role of Bona de Bracc, a French girl, whose parents are in financial difficulties. Their last straw is to marry Mona to a rich man. John Brandon, an American multi-millionaire, played by Huntley Gordon, is chosen as the intended husband. The marriage takes place. Differences at once arise and many thrilling incidents follow. The climax of the picture is unique. The supporting cast is excellent and includes, among other prominent screen artists, Charles Greene, Paul Weigel and Robert Agnew.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Game played with clubs and balls.
 - Bowditch.
 - Vulgar fellows (slang).
 - Utters reproaches.
 - Moves swiftly.
 - Parts of a calyx when with the form of a helmet (bot).
 - Land surrounded by water.
 - French government stock.
 - Caused to sound.
 - Poetical for the sun.
 - Obscure.
 - Common furze.
 - Stables.
 - Starting point in golf.
 - Familiar form of address.
 - Told.
 - Geometrical figure.
 - Metal.
 - Erect.
 - An appendix.
 - Yield.
 - State of antagonism.
 - Turkish commander.
 - Greek goddess of youth.
 - Flourish sounded at the death of game.
 - Fragment.
 - Plan.
 - Right.
 - Unit of time.
 - Composition of certain reefs in the South Sea.
 - Eagle.
 - Ascend.
 - Waterfall.
 - Part of the United Kingdom.
 - Valley.
 - Units of electromotive force.
 - Mark made by a blow.
- Down.
- Band.
 - Fertile desert spot.
 - Sing cheerfully.
 - Lance.
 - Crushed.
 - Alphabetic character.
 - Closely strained.
 - Christmas song.

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"Having to wait 15 minutes at the church made me extremely nervous," said Mr. Alex Cummings, the bridegroom.

After managing to say "I will" I was unable to get a word out; a lump seemed to come in my throat and stick. It was worse than facing my sergeant-major or commanding officer.

Neither Miss Atkins nor Mr. Cummings, the bridegroom, would hear of a registrar office wedding. "Perhaps," said Miss Atkins, "people will forget about us, and then we might decide."

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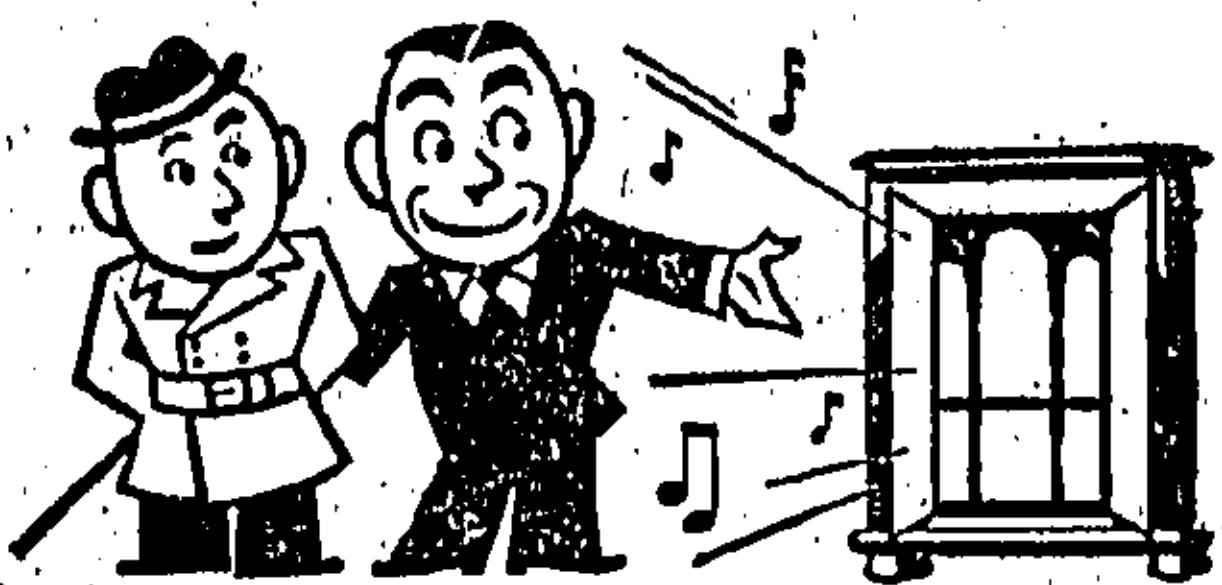
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1928

MORE ALLIANCES.

The ordinary newspaper-reader, just as much as the real student of Chinese affairs, must be getting tired of attempting to straighten out the political and military tangles of this troubled country. There was a time, not so very long ago, when the main issue appeared to be a straight struggle for power between two distinct factions—the North and the South. Since then, however, there have been all manner of splits and counter-splits in the political and military camps, each involving fresh little wars, with the result that, however interested he may be in the final outcome, the average individual finds himself more or less befogged when seeking to discover whether all these developments are leading. To many, also, the similarity in the names of some of the military leaders adds to the confusion, so much so that they would, perhaps, be grateful if a rather novel American newspaper suggestion were carried out whereby these various Generals could be renamed Smith, Brown, Robinson, etc., and the individuals thus made easier of identification!

We are tempted to comment in this strain in consequence of the latest rumours of a fresh and big-scale alliance against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek which is said to be in process of formation. At the moment, we are not concerned with the merits or demerits of this scheme, but we cannot help regretting this continued tendency towards further politico-military plottings and counter-plottings. When we hear of fresh alliances here and new combinations there, we instinctively ask ourselves whether there is to be any end to these rifts and divisions. Must the country always be in a state of strife and turmoil—war upon war, with the people always the sufferers and the losers? It would almost appear so. The Nationalists did at one time appear to be making a bid towards something approaching unification of the country, but they have fallen on evil days and are to-day like the members of a household hopelessly divided against itself. If the new alignments had in them any indication of progress towards eventual stability, then we could heartily welcome them, but there is no promise of any finality in these constantly recurring break-ups and reorientations. It is a trifle but nevertheless true observation that what China needs

more than anything else just now is peace and stable government. The plight in which the country finds itself is almost entirely due to the scramble for power by rival militarists and politicians, with all the misery and suffering to the populace which grows out of the attempts by these place-seekers to realise their ambitions. Some of the Chinese extremists have endeavoured to distract attention from the facts by seeking to blame foreign "Imperialists" for China's present state, but recent developments show that, left alone, the Chinese are at war amongst themselves and have small hopes of composing their differences. The outlook is far from rosy at the moment, and we fear that many moons will pass ere the long-awaited era of peace and progress is ushered in.

Preserving the Peace.

Except for the pious hope of outlawing war, we cannot see that the Arbitration Pact between the United States and France, to be signed at Washington on Monday, does much, in its present form, to advance the cause of world peace. It contains considerably more clauses than the Elihu Root Treaty which it is designed to replace, but seemingly much of its expansion concerns the reservations from the great principle, the renunciation of war between the two countries as an instrument of national policy. When we consider the general relationship between the United States and France, it must be clear that, without pacts or protocols, or other diplomatic document, the prospects of war are rather remote. But to make quite sure of this, or so it seems from an analysis of the preamble, the United States promises to submit any dispute between the countries to arbitration unless the dispute involves a third Power, the domestic or interior policies of either country, or the operation of the Monroe Doctrine. It seems that war is rendered impossible between the countries provided the annoyance is a minor issue, about which no country in its senses would be so foolish as to make a cause for war.

The reservations cover such a wide field, that there is very little remaining, and even this portion retained from cautious minds, is of little value since the U.S. Senate reserves the right of veto should it think fit. Bluntly, the pact commits the parties to very little materially different from what is contained in most peace pacts, and there is little gain to either side. Recently, we remember, the ban against the flotation of French commercial loans was lifted by the State Department, but this does not pretend to have any official significance. Even M. Briand, the idealist, who was prepared to concede much if something could be attained, was constrained to enquire for precise information on what was likely to happen should the Senate refuse to ratify the arbitration undertaking. The original suggestion was that the treaty should become multilateral, but we observe from yesterday's cable that this has been temporarily shelved. We may be forgiven if we suggest that this is consequent upon the lack of enthusiasm shown by other Governments since the terms of the pact were made clear. Britain and Japan would be interested perhaps if given an interpretation, in the first place, of domestic policy. Should a dispute arise, for instance, over immigration, America would immediately and quite naturally point to the domestic policy clause. We realise there are immense difficulties to be overcome before the model peace treaty can be formulated, but, except for the friendly spirit in which the new Franco-American Treaty has been consummated, it carries us little towards this end.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 2.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.32 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Helsingfors	13.32
Oslo	13.32
Athens	307 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
New York	4.87 1/2
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Stockholm	18.14
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Madrid	28.51
Bucharest	70 1/2
Bombay	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	24.93
Brussels	21.95
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	104 1/2
Lisbon	2.11 1/2
Rio	5.59 1/2
Shanghai	2.01 1/2
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26.1/16

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

TO MAKE A GIFT TO ONE WHO IS HIGHLY PLACED AND IN AUTHORITY, IS NOT LIBERALITY, BUT COMMENCEMENT.

The P. and O. Khiva, from Bombay and Singapore, reports one case of pneumonia on board.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer were amongst the passengers who returned to the Colony by the P. and O. liner Macedonia yesterday.

The Rev. A. G. Lee, B.A., lately C.M.S. Missionary in Western China, has been appointed Vicar of St. Benedict's, Everton, Liverpool.

Inspectors A. Clark, J. R. Clark, and J. Ogg, L. Sergt. Ritchie and Sergt. Logan returned to the Colony yesterday from Home leave.

The Diocesan Boys' School is returning to its former premises, recently used as a Military General Hospital, and is to re-open on Monday.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during January totalled 2.17 inches. There were nineteen days on which no fall was recorded.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. V. M. Grayburn, banker, 356 The Peak; to Miss M. D. Robson, nursing sister, Peak Hospital.

The Home-mall by S. S. Macedonia dated London January 5, consisted of 343 bags, with an additional 152 bags of parcels. These were distributed at a late hour yesterday.

Mr. R. A. Cooper of Messrs. Lazarus and Company, has, by virtue of his Canadian optical license, been appointed a Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians of London.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Richard Hope Chappell and Margaret Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cortlandt MacGregor, will take place at Hongkong at the end of February.

The Cheong Shing arriving from Tongku and Weihaiwei last evening, reports sighting a derelict junk at 8 p.m. on February 2; in Latitude 22.23 North, Longitude, 114.57.30 East. The derelict is dangerous to navigation.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 16 departures, with British holding top place. Cargo was generally low, with Japanese and British registering the highest of the day. At 9 a.m. there were 84 vessels in harbour, British 30.

There was another most enjoyable Ladies' Night at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The contributors to the programme were Mrs. R. Ganger, Miss F. McGill, Mr. H. Glover, Mr. Cusack and Mr. J. Brana. A "cinema competition" was also held and proved very popular.

Bishop Lander, who was formerly in Hongkong, and is now assistant to the Bishop of St. Albans, recently had the misfortune to fall on the ice-bound road and break an arm. Notwithstanding he preached in Holy Trinity Church, New Barnet, with his arm in splints.

In view of the protection afforded the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong by the Merchant Volunteers, when that vessel grounded in Limestone Reach last week, the owners, the Chung Hin s.s. Co., have paid over the sum of \$250 to this organisation to be distributed among those taking part.

Taking full responsibility for the possession of 100 detonators on board a fishing junk, an elderly woman, who together with a man, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with unlawful possession, was fined \$50, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. It was stated that the police were unable to disprove the woman's statement. The man was accordingly discharged.

On the occasion of the establishment of direct radio communication between Hongkong and North Borneo on January 4th, telegrams were exchanged between the Governors of the two Colonies. H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi hoped that the opening of radio communication would cement still closer the links between the neighbouring Colonies, whilst H.E. Mr. J. L. Humphreys said the service could not fail to prove a valuable tie.

MORE NORTH EAST WINDS.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The anticyclone has weakened further. It is now central in the neighbourhood of Shanghai. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast still noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds; moderate; overcast.

SNATCHER'S SEVERE SENTENCE.

MAGISTRATE COMMENDS TWO VILLAGERS.

An exemplary sentence was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese who was charged with snatching a gold bracelet from a small girl at Tung Tau village, Kowloon City, on the afternoon of January 31st.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Sergeant Macdonald said the complainant was walking with her mother near the Tung Tau (Walled City) at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the narrowness of the path, they were walking single file. The defendant and another man passed on each side of the girl and simultaneously snatched a pair of gold bangles which she was wearing on her wrists.

Both men ran away, the girl making a grab at the defendant's arm and at the same time raising the alarm. The defendant freed himself from the complainant's grasp and ran into the walled city where he was caught by two villagers. He immediately slipped out of his jacket and again escaped but was recaptured after a short chase. He was then handed over to an Indian sergeant and on his way to the Police he once more tried to escape but failed.

His Worship passed sentence of nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

In commenting upon the commendable action of the two villagers, his Worship said:—I compliment you two men for your excellent action in arresting this man. It is clear that this man, working with his confederate, planned this snatching before hand and it is due to you that justice has overtaken him. I hope many other people will take example of your actions.

ANOTHER WIRELESS TEST.

LOCAL LISTENERS ASKED TO REPORT.

Another wireless test transmission will be carried out by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee from 6.15 p.m. onwards to-day. Further improvements have recently been made to the transmitter, which is now installed at the Lee Theatre and recent reports show that both the quality and strength of the transmissions are excellent.

To-night's programme will consist of gramophone records supplied by the Anderson Music Co., Ltd., for broadcasting purposes. Listeners are requested to send reports of reception to Mr. R. Sutherland, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET.

TO INDIANS WHO DIED IN HONGKONG.

At the suggestion of the Imperial War Graves Commission, a stone tablet, in memory of eight Indian soldiers who died in Hongkong during the Great War, has been erected near the Crematorium at Homantin, Kowloon. The tablet bears an inscription to this effect, together with the names of the soldiers.

The erection of this memorial has been pending for some time, and the work was recently completed.

It is hoped to hold the usual unveiling ceremony, with military honours, in due course, but the date has not yet been definitely decided upon.

LOCAL PICTURES.

MANY IN TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

Another interesting batch of local pictures will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph. These will include separate groups of Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila interport golf players, with a general group of all the teams, officials and H. E. the Governor; as well as snapshots taken at the inspection of the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.; photographs of Mr. C. O. Wu and Mr. Wu Han-min, taken aboard the s.s. President Lincoln on their arrival in Hongkong; and of Signalman Morris and Jose P. da Silva, the opponents in the main event at to-morrow's boxing tournament.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of puerperal fever.

The Very Idea!

Pa: Our electric light bill is considerably less than last month. How do you suppose that happened?

Ma: Well, for one thing, the vacuum cleaner was broken most of the time, and then Mabel's boy friend has quit being platonic.

Mary had a little lamb,
One day she clipped its tresses,
And found she had sufficient wool
For fifteen modern dresses.

A Cockney low comedian was discussing arrangements with Sir Herbert Tree, who had given him an engagement.

"Look 'ere, guv'nor, yer know," warned the comedian, "I shall expect yer to bill the 'and' before my name."

Alas, my friend," replied Tree, "How can I do so? You know it is 'ard to give the 'and' where the 'art' will never be."

Stratford landlady: I always try to be pleasant. Lodger: Vinegar is not sweet.

Police-magistrate: I am totally blind in one eye and mentally deficient in the other. Mr. Sharpe, Marylebone magistrate, to a man who complained about his wife: Well, there is such a thing as stopping supplies.

Woman giving evidence in an assault case at Tower Bridge: Prisoner got her hair tangled round the hand of the other woman. Magistrate: Is that your unbiased view of what occurred? Woman: Yes.

A woman advertised for a man to work in her garden, and two men applied for the job. While she was interviewing them she noticed that her mother-in-law was making signs to her to choose the shorter of the men, which she did.

"Why did you signal to me to choose the shorter man?" she asked after they were alone. "The other had a much nicer face."

"Face!" exclaimed the mother-in-law. "When you pick a man to work in your garden you want to go by his trousers. If they're patched on his knees, you want him; if they're patched on the seat, you don't."

More school-boy howlers. Gravity tells us why an apple does not go to heaven.

A trade union is a place to which a workman goes when he gets the sack.

The chief duties of an M.P. are to go to sleep when another man is speaking, and force his party into power.

G. B. Shaw is the captain of the London Fire Brigade.

A street is a road that has a very good class of people in it.

Ambiguity means telling the truth when you don't want to.

"I think the girls of the present day are admirable." Dame Millicent Fawcett told Co-optimist Club members in London.

"I like their legs and their short petticoats. There is nothing wrong with their legs; they are perfectly beautiful. Such nice straight legs are a credit to us." Of pink silk stockings Dame Millicent said: "I regard them as pretty and most useful to motorists, because they can be easily seen in the dark."

"Everywhere you go the young woman comes forward and does her best to be helpful. Recently I saw a girl instantly rise to give an old man her seat in a bus."

"I feel that it was the young men and the young women who won the war for us. If it had been left to the older people they could never have done it."

Magistrate (to coal vendor in obstruction case): "You drive a cart, my man?"

"No, sir."

"You drive a coal cart?"

"No, sir."

"Well, what do you drive?"

"A horse, your Honour."

The woman of to-day knows more about the planet Jupiter than she does of law.—Judge Crawford.

If the Government were really in earnest they could take 2s. off the Income-tax.—Sir George Paish.

I find greater interest in Shakespeare in Chicago than perhaps anywhere else in the United States.—Mr. Archibald Flower.

ALLEGED FALSE
DETENTION.TWO EUROPEANS AMONG
DEFENDANTS.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Leslie Haynes, C. M. Houghton and Suen Kam-uen, alias Suen Shou-fung, were the defendants named on a writ which was mentioned in the Summary Court this morning, at the usual, Friday morning sitting of the Police Judge when cases are fixed for hearing.

The plaintiff in the action is Pan Chan, who claims \$1,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment. The address of all the defendants was given as 6, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. A. d'Arcy appeared for the plaintiffs, defendants not being legally represented.

When the case was called, Haynes said he was the third defendant named on the writ.

Claim Disputed.

Mr. Justice Wood:—You want to dispute the claim, don't you, Mr. Haynes?

Haynes:—Undoubtedly. He added that he would like to make an application for an order for pleadings. He thought it was called for.

Mr. d'Arcy said it was not the usual practice in that Court for pleadings to be asked for. He would also like to know whether Haynes was representing just himself or the other two defendants as well.

The other two defendants said they wished to dispute the claim, one being understood to say that he was not there at the time.

Application Granted.

Haynes said he was also speaking for the other two defendants. His Lordship pointed out that he could not do that. The defendant could only be heard on his own case.

Haynes said he adhered to his application for pleadings, and his Lordship replied that he did not see why the application should not be granted.

An order was made for a statement of claim in one week. His Lordship—Mr. Haynes, you will file a statement of defence. How long will you want to prepare it?

Haynes:—I should like ten or fourteen days, my Lord.

His Lordship granted ten days for the delivery of the claim and fixed March 2nd for the hearing of the case.

SPAIN NATIONALISES
OIL SUPPLIES.STOPPING BIG FOREIGN
PROFITS.

Madrid, Feb. 2. As regards the petroleum monopoly, which has been in force since January 1st, the Government has issued a statement to the effect that, in order to safeguard the interests of the Spanish Treasury and consumers, the Government has nationalised and monopolised the trade, which has been bringing in, for foreigners engaged in it in Spain, fabulous profits without risk or labour.

Petrol supplies have previously been run by the Shell, Standard Oil and a Russian oil company. Now, a new National Company has been formed, in which none of these three is represented, but a sum has been earmarked to compensate the dispossessed.—*Reuter*.

Later. The petroleum monopoly is another instance of the Government's determination not only to develop the trade of Spain, but to ensure its development and management by Spaniards.

Since the advent of the Dictatorship, all the railways have been brought virtually under State control. The Cabinet has approved of a £10,000 electrification scheme, whilst the telephones have also become the monopoly of a National Company.

National air lines have been similarly dealt with. The provision of staff, material and capital must be entirely Spanish.

All the coal mines are compulsorily grouped and controlled by a Federation of mines, providing penalties for firms purchasing excessive quantities of foreign coal.—*Reuter*.

Hearing a crash in High-street, Ringwood (Hants), a police officer discovered a motor-cyclist and three companions, who had been riding pillion, lying in the road. They were not hurt, but the driver, William Kendall, of Crow, Ringwood, was fined £1, and had his license endorsed. The magistrates thought that four on a motor-cycle was too many.

KWANGSI CLIQUE'S
SCHEMES.HUNAN SITUATION
INTERESTING.CHIANG BEHIND CHANG
FAT-KWAI?

INTRIGUE GENERAL.

The big combine of provinces designed to eliminate Marshal Chiang Kai-shek from the political arena, which is being engineered by the Kwangsi Clique, had been contemplated long before Chiang's resignation last year, it is now disclosed by Chinese sources. The matter had been allowed to drop for some time but has been brought forward seriously once more following Chiang's recent declaration that he was assuming the role of Commander-in-Chief of all the Kuomintang armies.

The Kwangsi generals, who are to say the least, ambitious, cannot see quite eye to eye with Marshal Chiang in this respect.

It does appear, however, that while the Chekiang and Kwangsi factions are both working at heart for the destruction each of the other, a preference is being maintained at the present of friendly relationships.

Too Busy.

At the moment, both sides are too closely tied up with serious matters which have to be put right in their own immediate sphere, to spare the time, if the inclination is present, to resort to armed persuasion.

Canton is supposed to be leading the movement against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, with Marshal Pei Chung-hsi's active support in the Hunan-Hubei area. His recent big successes against the Hunanese have increased his popularity immensely, but there is still much more for him to do before he can give his undivided attention to the alliance against Chiang.

Kwangtung has her own troubles. Chang Fat-kwai is not entirely dispensed with. Fighting of a sort is still going on in the East River district.

From a private source it is learned that Chiang Kai-shek is supplying funds to the "Ironside" troops in the hope that they may recover their position and lead to the establishment of an anti-Li Chai-sum Government at Swatow, which is the present object of the "Ironsides" resistance to the Canton armies in eastern Kwangtung.

The "Kwangsi Clique" is stated to be perturbed in the thought that the "Ironsides" may retire into Hunan, and join the armies of Generals Ho Chien and Liu Hsin. Apparently the object now in view is the administering of a final blow to the "Ironsides" while in Kwangtung, and the scattering of the force beyond hope of the reorganisation.

Hunan Intrigues.

Meanwhile, military intrigue is said to be going on in Hunan. The armies of Pei Chung-hsi, a strong ally of Li Chai-sum, have captured Changsha, and recent developments point to the certainty that the whole province will soon be in the hands of the "Kwangsi Clique."

Chiang Kai-shek is said to have representatives in Hunan who are exerting pressure on Ho Chien and Liu Hsin in the hope of bringing them into the fold of Chiang. There is another side to the intrigue however, since the right-hand man of Chiang Kai-shek, General Ho Ying-ching, the Commander of Nationalist 1st Army Corps, is trying to persuade Pei Chung-hsi from the "Kwangsi Clique" to the side of Chiang Kai-shek. Of course, says a Chinese commentator, the whole thing may be *vice versa* for it may be the "Kwangsi Clique" is working to bring Ho Ying-ching to their side.

Nanking Finance.

What is hindering Chiang Kai-shek's finance. It is reliably reported that the Finance Minister to the Nanking Government, Mr. T. V. Soong, is not in a position to satisfy the demands of all the militarists who look upon the Nanking Treasury for support. The failure of the anti-Pei Chung-hsi armies in Hunan is an instance of this.

Feng and Chiang.

The position of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is also an example of the poorness of the Nanking Treasury. Feng Yu-hsiang once decided to join with Chiang Kai-shek in the Northern Expedition against Chang Tso-lin, but recent the attitude of Feng Yu-hsiang towards Chiang Kai-shek has been very uncertain. The absence of cordiality on the part of Feng Yu-hsiang, Chinese reports also attribute to Nanking's not being able to supply the required war funds.

MISSING LETTER
CASE.FAMILY TROUBLES AIRD
IN COURT.

FINE FOR OPENING.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, Mr. Hin Shing-lo, representing a Chinese lady doctor from Canton, prosecuted a small boy for the theft, unlawful detention, and unlawful opening of letters.

Mr. A. E. Hall defended.

At the commencement of the hearing, Mr. Lo, in a brief address to his Worship, explained that the parties were children of the same father, the complainant being the daughter of one wife, and the defendant, the son of another. The complainant was a lady doctor of Canton, now living temporarily at Kung Wo Terrace. The complainant had given her relatives the address of the Tin Sang firm as her address in Hongkong.

The father of the complainant, a managing partner of the Tin Sang firm, of which a man surname Chow was also a partner. Chow was authorised by the complainant to collect all letters and parcels for the complainant. During the New Year, several letters were received by Chow on behalf of the complainant and two of these had been missing. One of the letters was later recovered, but as to the other letter, although complainant made every possible effort to recover it, she had failed and consequently notified the No. 2 Police Station. In consequence of the report, a Chinese detective visited the boy's mother and she gave some information which led to her arrest. At the Police Station, she made some explanation which led to the boy's detention.

Mothers on Bad Terms.

Counsel's concluding remarks touched on the "unhappy" circumstance connected with the domestic nature of the case pointing out that mothers of the two parties in the case were on bad terms.

The complainant, Leung Wai-kwan, in evidence, stated that Chau Sze-sau, a partner of her father's firm, was instructed to receive letters on her behalf at the firm's address at No. 14 Kennedy Street, Wanchai.

When in accordance with this arrangement, and in pursuance of a telephonic enquiry, she called at the shop after the Chinese New Year, it was disclosed that two letters were received. One was missing, and the other had been tampered with, though as far as she knew the contents were intact.

Efforts made to secure the other letter which they suspected was in the hands of her step-mother, were unsuccessful. Eventually witness went to the Police Station at Wanchai, where she laid a complaint. A detective who accompanied her to the shop, took the step-mother to the Station. She was later released, but her young son, who was now the defendant in the case, was detained.

Speaking of the two letters, witness said she was not certain whether the missing letter was registered, but she never saw it again.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo explained that the missing letter was the root of the whole trouble.

Chau Sze-sau, the man who was instructed to receive the complainant's correspondence, recalled having left two letters one being put into the letter-box and the other left on a table. Both were missing when his attention was called to the matter.

Fine For Opening.

The father, in the witness box, said he was intoxicated after a big dinner when the letters arrived, and he told his son to put them away. When his daughter called next morning, he returned home and found two letters, one for himself and one for his daughter. One letter had been opened and the defendant's mother said that the boy opened it.

Mr. Lindsell indicated that there was hardly any doubt that there was no case as far as the charge of theft was concerned but on the charge of unlawfully opening the letter he imposed a fine of \$25.

In the course of the evidence of the father, Mr. Hin Shing-lo asked certain questions relating to family matters, which Mr. Lindsell ruled out as irrelevant.

In dealing with complaints during recent floods the Egham Council said that it declined to provide punts for conveying passengers and provisions to the flooded area, because, on the occasion of the previous flood, the District Auditor said that such expenditure was not justified under the Public Health Acts and would probably be surcharged in future. On the other hand, the Malden head Corporation provided horse-drawn vehicles and punts for marooned residents.

HORRORS OF RED
TERRORISM.TRAGIC TALES FROM
HOI FUNG.WORSE MASSACRES THAN
AT CANTON.

ROOT OF THE EVIL.

Terrible facts regarding Communist rule in the Hoi Fung and Luk Fung districts are given in the current issue of *The Rock*, a Hongkong Catholic magazine, which prints some outspoken comments on the necessity for dealing with the evil at its source.

Three times, says the journal, have the "Reds" occupied Hoi Fung, and each occupation has been marked by a terrible crescendo of misfortune to the inhabitants. The first occupation, in May, lasted only ten days. There were victims, but not many. In September, they returned and started to wreak vengeance on those who were known to be opposed to them. In one village, Muc Leom, they destroyed 100 houses and put many to death, both men and women. After three weeks, they were again driven out. So far, they suffer very little in defeat. They have strongholds in the hills, to which they beat a timely retreat before the advance of a superior force. Here they are actually provisioned from the villages, which they have evacuated. Woe to the villager who ventures to refuse their levy! They even send down emissaries to carry on propaganda.

Worse Than Canton.

"Now, whilst we write, they are back in Hoi Fung," says the *Rock*. "They have been there since November! And it is because of this third occupation that the sorrows of Hoi Fung far outweigh those of Canton. A man may rebuild his house, but who can give back to the orphans the father and mother, whom they have seen brutally massacred before them, or who can comfort the mother for whom it would be a crime, in this reign of terror, to weep for her children? It is estimated that some 3,000 perished in Canton, but the figures given for Hoi Fung mount up to 8,000, that is for Hoi Fung and the surrounding district, which would comprise about 700,000 inhabitants.

"The wholesale massacres have been, in many cases, accompanied by a refinement of cruelty or an excess of brutality too harrowing to narrate. Some have been saturated with petrol and set on fire, others have been hacked to pieces, women have had their breasts torn out. A perfect system of espionage enabled the 'Reds' to pick out their opponents. Their reprisals are of a character to kill opposition through fear of the consequences.

"The whole region around Hoi Fung is not only in the hands of the 'Reds,' it is a training ground for extreme Communist tactics in the South of China. Five years ago Peng Pai, after an education in Bolshevik principles abroad, returned to start as a school-teacher in Hoi Fung. He had every opportunity of filling the young minds with the most advanced revolutionary ideas and successfully availed himself of it. From his school the principles rapidly spread to other schools. Students who had returned to the district, imbued with the same doctrine, were not behindhand in propaganda work. Peng Pai was arrested but his prison term was short. On regaining his liberty, he went to Canton, where he served under Chiang Kai-shek at a time when Russian Bolshevik and Nationalist were still making common cause.

No Half Measures.

"Peng Pai's heart was evidently in Hoi Fung. We find him back again with greater power and a resolute will to reap the fruit of his previous teaching. The majority of the people in Hoi Fung are very poor. They are labourers. It must be admitted that their masters, in many cases, were harsh and exacting. So it is easy to understand that the proclamation of community of goods, the cancellation of all debts and the tearing up of all property deeds were popular measures with the numerous shiftless villagers. There were no half measures at Hoi Fung. Even some little children, who had been attending a school of anti-red tendency, were put to death as a warning to parents. Amongst the proscribed were the owners of houses of ill fame, not to mark any disapproval of their immorality, but to stress the fact that the very existence of such houses was opposed to community of love which was an integral part of the programme as community of property.

"Besides his own followers and the irresponsible, who profit by a revolution, Peng Pai may count on 1,000 of the 'Red' soldiers who

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FOREIGN OFFICE
SCANDAL.INQUIRY PROCEEDINGS TO
BE IN PRIVATE.

NOT JUDICIAL BODY.

London, Feb. 2. The Board appointed by the Premier to enquire into the allegations against important officials in the Foreign Office, arising from statements made in the Mrs. Dyne case, held its first meeting today.

The discussion was concerned largely with the procedure of the Board.

A large number of witnesses will be required to give evidence on oath as the tribunal is not a judicial body.

The proceedings, it is announced, will be held in private.

Reuter.

The case, which was reported yesterday, involved a sum of \$39,000 claimed by Messrs. Ironmonger and Company, bankers, against Mrs. Dyne in respect of losses during currency transactions. In the course of the cross-examination of Mr. De Wael, a principal in the firm, Mrs. Dyne's counsel, seeking to show that his client was so much a woman of straw that she had to seek a situation at Waring's, drew from the witness a statement that he relied in his dealings with Mrs. Dyne on the strength of her "introduction."

Pressed, he stated that Mrs. Dyne was introduced by Mr. J. C. Gregory, a gentleman with an influential position in the Foreign Office. Mr. Justice Horridge, summing up, pointed out that formerly Mr. Gregory's name had not been mentioned, but declined to comment on the matter.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs, Mr. Justice Horridge declining to grant a stay of execution, pointing out that Mrs. Dyne had testified that she practically hadn't a penny in the world.

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.TWO SHARE THE PRIZE
THIS WEEK.

Three away wins and three drawn matches made last week's Football Competition coupon more than usually difficult, the result being that relatively few claims for the prize have been received. Two competitors each succeeded in forecasting correctly nine matches on one coupon, these being:

S. Khan,
Harbour Office.
F. Sanchez,
7, Salisbury Avenue,
Kowloon.

These competitors therefore share the prize of \$25, and if they will call at this office we shall be pleased to hand them their respective shares. There were a number of claims for eight correct results.

This week's coupon will be found on another page of this issue.

The contents of the Tavistock Hotel, known in the last century as the Bachelor's Paradise, are to be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley. The hotel faces Covent Garden Market. No woman was allowed within its doors, and it was practically a man's club. The long dining room is said to have been a favourite haunt of Dickens, Thackeray and other notable men, and for 150 years tea was always drunk from basins.

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TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. What depth of rain is represented, approximately, by a foot of snow?
2. What and where are the Goodwin Sands?
3. Who wrote the *Glorious*?
4. To what was Milton referring when he wrote "Widom at one entrance gulle shut out"?
5. Give the meaning of "at par."
6. In which county is Sandringham, and what is the county town?
7. Who was the first Tudor king?
8. What examination at Oxford is known as "Greats"?
9. What is the rank immediately above that of Wing Commander in the R.A.F.?
10. When did Martin Luther live?
11. What is prosody?
12. To what steamship lines do the following ships belong: *Berengaria*, *Kentworth Castle*, *Majestic*, *Empress of Scotland*, *Avonlona*?

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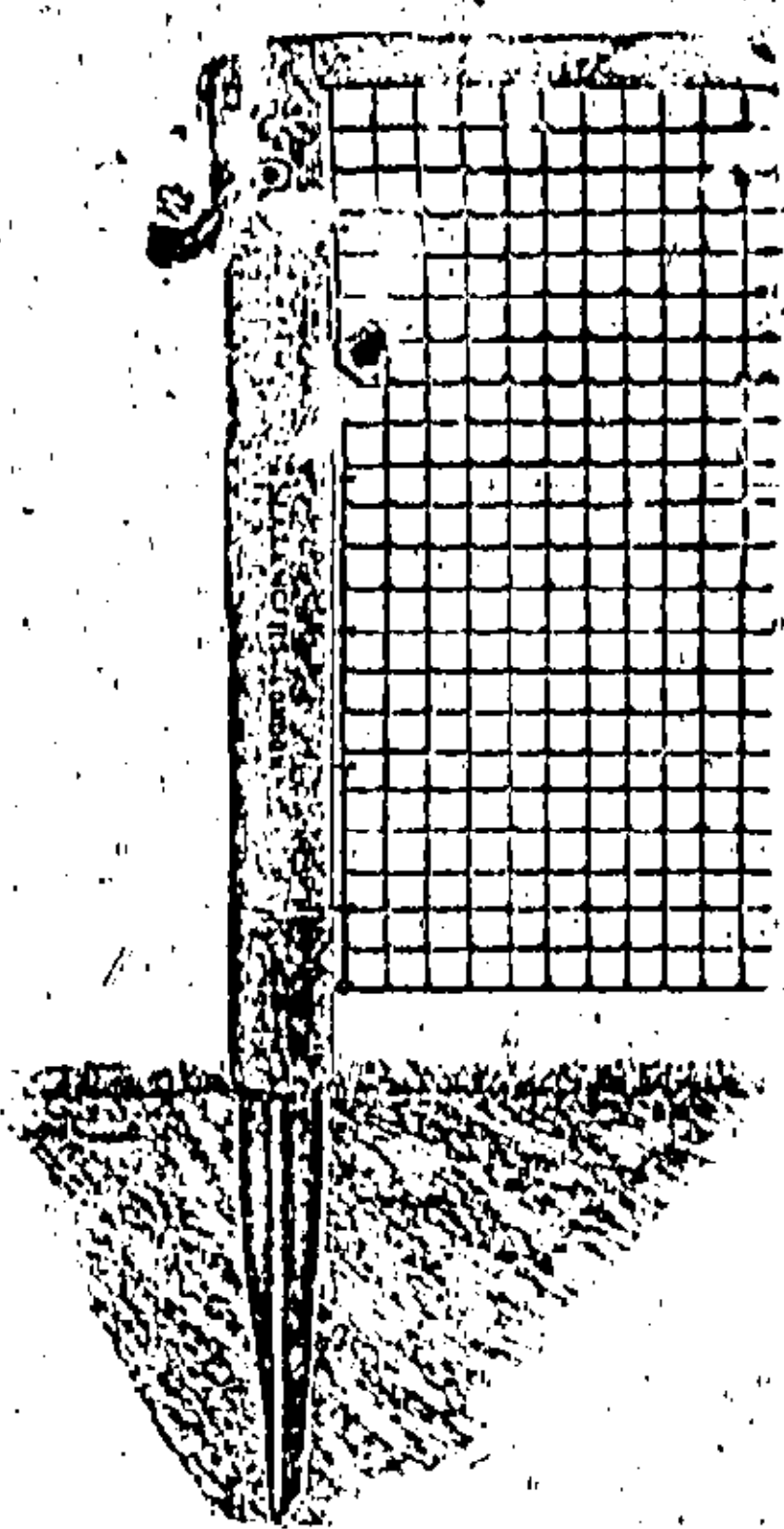
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

CHINESE ATHLETIC RECORD.

CAN GUARDS DISPOSE THE BOGEY.

'KOWLOON STRENGTHENED.'

[By "Wanderer".]

The Interport team has returned from Shanghai and the teams most affected by their previous absence resume their league schedules tomorrow. Maybe this is the best manner of forgetting the debacle. However critical one might have been of the team as selected, such a complete disaster took the Colony entirely by surprise, and the best reflection on the situation concerns Shanghai's poor chances when they visit us next year.

There is a big score to wipe off the slate. Meanwhile the draw for the first round of the Shield has been made, and as the entries are larger than usual, five clubs have obtained byes. The draw was published yesterday and requires no repetition.

The fixture list for to-morrow includes several matches of considerable interest, the two most interesting matches being that at Sookunpoo between the Scots Guards and the Chinese Athletic, and that at Kowloon between the mainlanders and the Queen's Royal Regiment. The Guards are the only team which has succeeded in wresting a point from the league leaders and it will be interesting to see what the Guards can do on a ground which is somewhat heavier as the result of the recent showers.

The full fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off, and referees appointed, is appended:

Senior Division.

Kowloon v. Queen's—Kowloon, 4.15.
—Mr. Baldwin.
Scots Guards v. Chinese Ath.—Sookunpoo, 4.15.—Mr. Willis.
S. China v. R.A.F.—Caroline Hill, 4.15.—Mr. Austin.
Club v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 4.15.—Mr. Smith.

Junior Division "A".

S. China "B" v. R.A.—St. Joseph's, 2.45.—Mr. Phillips.
K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Ath.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.—Mr. Cowan.
S. China "A" v. St. Joseph's—Caroline Hill, 2.45.—Mr. Hyson.
Kowloon v. University—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Lonsdale.

Junior Division "B".

S. China "A" v. Kung Mo.—St. Joseph's, 4.15.—Mr. Samy.
Kowloon v. St. Joseph's—U.S.R.C., 2.45.—Mr. Hutchings.

Kowloon Not Idle.

In spite of their absence from league football for two or three weeks, Kowloon's first eleven has not been idle. Every Saturday a friendly match has been played with the object of building up a side for the Shield Tournament, and the results have been very satisfactory. Northey is quite fit again and will be making his first appearance in league football when the Kowloon team are at home to-morrow to the Queen's Royal Regiment.

It is not yet certain but there is a possibility that Kernick will come in at inside-right to still further strengthen the forward line. Kowloon's one weakness this season. With the tightening up of the side, it will be interesting to see how it fares against the strong Queen's team. The previous match resulted in a comfortable win for the military side, but they will need to go all out to repeat the effort. The return of McKelvie, the rapid improvement in the back play of Wheeler and Dodson have made a considerable difference, and Kowloon on paper is once again a formidable proposition.

Test For Chinese.

With the ground a little heavier, the Chinese Athletic are likely to be severely tested by the Scots Guards on the Sookunpoo ground to-morrow. The Athletic may be expected to be tired after their Shanghai trip, and it would not be surprising should they meet with defeat for the first time in Hongkong. East China have proved that they are not invincible and the Guards will endeavour to further press home the fact.

Other Senior Games.

The Royal Air Force pay a visit to the new South China A.A.

SHANGHAI FOOTBALL INCIDENT.

SPECTATOR WITH REVOLVER ARRESTED.

A Chinese spectator who went to see a football match at the Pioneer Field in Shanghai last week created a new fashion by taking along with him a revolver for emphasizing his arguments.

The Chinese actually tried to use it, drawing it in menacing manner during a discussion with other spectators. A call was put in to the French police and Inspector Marguet and Brigadier Hunt hastened to the football ground and arrested the man on a charge of illegally carrying firearms.

LADIES' GOLF.

RESULTS OF RECENT COMPETITIONS.

The Medal Competition held during January on the New Course, Fanling, for prizes presented by Mrs. Whyte-Smith was won by Mrs. R. L. Bridger, 1st and Mrs. B. Brown, 2nd.

The Tombstone Competition, held on Tuesday 31st January, was won by Mrs. F. A. Redmond and the hidden number prize by Mrs. Leggatt. Mrs. R. L. Bridger kindly presented both the prizes.

The Electric Competition, held during December and January in aid of the funds of the S.P.C.A., was won by Mrs. L. G. Dodwell, the prize being kindly given by Messrs. Sennet Freres.

Paris, Jan. 5.—According to the newspapers, Mlle. Xenia Andreevsk, daughter of a Tsarist General, now resident in Paris, was shot dead from a revolver shot wound in a taxi-cab yesterday. The circumstances are alleged to point to suicide.

ground at Caroline Hill, and they have proved so erratic of late that there is no saying exactly what is to be expected. South China gave the K.O.S.B. a real scare a week ago, holding a two goal lead until twenty minutes from the end. In that last twenty minutes their defence collapsed utterly and six goals were conceded. The R.A.F. twice gained a lead against the Club but failed to hold on, and the points were shared. A division of the spoils to-morrow would not surprise.

The H.K.F.C. entertain the K.O.S.B. and a good game with indications favouring the Borderers, should result. The Club's newly constituted forward line appears to be settling down, but the principal task of any team opposed to the K.O.S.B. is that of preventing their close-passing game from proving effective. The defence is sound, but the forwards have a penchant for keeping the game too close.

With The Juniors.

The Chinese Athletic Reserves appear to have fallen away of late otherwise one might predict a tight game between them and the league leaders, the K.O.S.B. Reserves. The latter team is not proving so effective as earlier in the season, but they should win with comfort.

The marked Kowloon improvement should bring them easy points against the University, while South China "B" and St. Joseph's should also end up on the winning side.

The Junior Division "B" section should have been completed by this time, but there are some postponed fixtures to be played off. Kowloon "B" drew with St. Joseph's last week and there is no reason why they should not repeat that performance, while the Kung Mo eleven should succeed in taking full points from South China "A".

Kowloon Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI versus Queen's Regiment on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground: kick-off at 4.15 p.m.—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Reed, Kernick; Northey, Muir and Miles; Reserves—May and Tierman.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI versus University on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground: kick-off at 2.45 p.m.—Wood; Roberts, Bliss, Blacklock; Pile, A. N. Other, Coates, Dunnott and Eastman. Reserve—Hast.

THE NEXT TEST MATCHES.

AUSTRALIA FIXES THE DATES.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control has decided upon the arrangements for the English tour in Australia next winter.

The board proposes that the tour shall open on October 13 at Perth, and the dates for the Test matches were fixed as follows:

First.—Brisbane, November 30 to December 6.
Second.—Sydney, December 14 to 20.
Third.—Melbourne, December 29 to January 4.
Fourth.—Adelaide, February 1 to 7.
Fifth.—Melbourne, March 8 to 14.

It was decided that in all Tests there should be six balls to each over, with eight balls in all other matches.

A protest against the allocation of only one Test to New South Wales was received from the local association, but the board took no action.

Letters from the M.C.C. suggested two extra matches in New Zealand after the conclusion of the tour. The board decided that they were unable to entertain the suggestion, as it was liable to result in the curtailment of the Australian programme.

The M.C.C. requested an expression of opinion on the question of making the English residential qualification rule applicable to the Dominions.

The rule prescribes the conditions observable when players transfer their services from one country to another.

The board decided in favour of the M.C.C. view.

ELECTRIC RATS FOR TERRIER RACING.

CLUB TRACK TO BE OPENED IN LONDON.

After the electric hare, the electric rat.

Fired by the success of greyhound racing, the committee of the Stadium Club in Holborn has decided to introduce to London its newest form of sport. Early in the New Year there are to be electrically-controlled rat races at the club for terriers belonging to members.

The scheme is set forward in a letter, dated December 22, sent to members by the management, the Stadium Club, 85, High Holborn, saying:—

This is a preliminary message of a new and very interesting feature of the club's activities which will be introduced to members in February of the coming year.

Having regard to the widespread interest evinced in greyhound racing, the management has perfected arrangements for providing fox-terrier racing in the club itself. The dogs race after an electrically controlled rat on a track which will be removable, and will, therefore, not interfere in any way with the normal business of the club.

There will be three days' racing each week, and six races on each evening, with a first and second prize for the owners of the dogs placed in that order.

A British electric pari-mutuel will be used in conjunction with the racing, this being the first machine of its kind to be seen in Europe.

Dogs are stated to be already in training, and the first evening's racing will be held on Monday, February 6, commencing at 8 p.m., the charge for guests being 12s., including dinner.

Special track-side reserved seats will be available on the ground floor for members and guests not dining, at a charge of 10s. 6d. each.

F. A. CUP REPLAY.

BLACKBURN ROVERS IN NEXT ROUND.

London, Feb. 2.

The replay between Blackburn Rovers and Exeter City in the F. A. Cup Competition to-day resulted in a win for Blackburn by three goals to one.

Blackburn Rovers thereby qualified to meet Port Vale at Blackburn in the fifth round of the competition.—Reuter.

An application was made at Kingston Borough Police Court by Mr. W. E. Blako Carn, on behalf of the vicar and churchwardens of St. Paul's, Kingston-hill. A summons was asked for against George Sherwood Lewis, of Alexandra-road, Kingston Hill for alleged brawling in the church at the previous Sunday night's service. Mr. Carn said that when the vicar announced one text a man shouted another. When the churchwardens approached him he started to sing a hymn.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 4th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 4th:—

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LETTER GOLF.

The change from LADY to WIFE is easy, maybe because its Leap Year.



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4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

FRANCE'S AIR POLICY.

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY THE AIM.

RESEARCH WORK.

Recent events indicate that France is proposing to adopt an air policy which concentrates mainly upon research work, and pays less attention to the provision of large numbers of service aircraft.

Hitherto the French air-service has been far superior in number of machines to any other air service. In future, it is likely that the French air chiefs will not aside a greater proportion of the money available exclusively for the production and development of new types of machine, and will not seek to increase the quantity of machines.

In formulating this policy, it is believed that the advances in design made recently by English aeronautics have influenced the French.

M. Laurent-Eynac, formerly French Under Secretary of State for Air, in a recent speech, said it had been singularly discouraging to see, in a great international contest like the Schneider Cup race, where both English and Italians had presented new machines, the absence of French entries.

This view, that in the air quality of aircraft is of greater importance than quantity, has been consistently emphasised in the Morning Post.

SCHNEIDER CUP. Air Ministry to Spare No Effort to Secure Victory.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, made a statement in the House of Commons on the Schneider Cup competition, which was covered in the main by the statement issued by the Air Ministry and published in the Morning Post on Saturday.

"I may add," said Sir Samuel Hoare, "that in discussing the question of when the contest shall take place with the Italian authorities I made it clear that Great Britain was prepared to compete next year if this was desired by the other countries concerned."

"Whether the contest is in fact held in 1928 or 1929, it is my intention to take all action necessary to ensure that this country is worthily represented and no effort spared to secure another victory." (Cheers.)

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy (Sec. Hull, Central)—Does that mean that the Air Ministry will give support to the competition for Britain, and will the pilots of the Royal Air Force be allowed to compete?

Sir S. Hoare.—It would be premature to go into details, but we do intend to give it support. We shall consider all questions of that kind. There is ample time for their consideration. In the meanwhile we are proceeding at once with the development of the machines and the engines.

UNDERGRADUATES' RIOT RECALLED.

WOULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IF GAS WORKERS.

The hooliganism of undergraduates in the West-end after the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby match was discussed in Parliament recently.

Colonel Day asked the Home Secretary if he would increase the police force in the West-end so that theatres had not to be closed when riots of this kind occurred. Sir W. Joynson Hicks answered that he hoped in future there would be no need to increase the police force.

Mr. Will Thorne: Does the right hon. gentleman not think that a disgraceful state of things happened on that particular night and that these gentlemen should be dealt with in some way or another?

The Home Secretary: All I can say at the moment is I regret the occurrences, and I hope they will not be repeated.

Mr. Thorne: Has the right hon. gentleman no information as to whether the heads of the Universities are going to take action?

The Home Secretary: I have no information at present.

Colonel Day: For the protection of the public, will the right hon. gentleman take the trouble to communicate with the heads of the Universities to see that this disgraceful conduct does not occur again?

The Home Secretary: I must ask the hon. member to leave the matter for the moment.

Mr. Will Thorne: Had the last word, observing, "If they had been gas workers they would have been dealt with all right."

Two children, Helen Scott, 18, and Charles Hornby, 9, were drowned while skating on the reservoir at Marton, North Lancs.

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LABOUR TAKEN TO TASK.

COLONEL CRESWELL'S MOVE.

Cape Town, Jan. 2.

The South African Labour Party conference, which opened at Bloemfontein yesterday, lived up to its reputation for providing surprises.

Mr. Creswell told the National Council of the party that he refused any longer to be regarded as the puppet of a group of wire-pullers behind the scenes who had not any responsibility to the public. He would have no more dictation, and until they ceased their incessant conspiracies to capture the party machinery he declined to be nominated for the National Council.

Mr. Creswell read from manuscript, and at the outset declared that the results of the pact for the past four years vindicated Labour's action and justified the continuance of the pact. It was no less the interest of the Labour Party than of the country that the pact should continue.

Electric Atmosphere.

So far the speech was received more or less in silence, but when Mr. Creswell referred to the internal position of the party the atmosphere became electric. He repudiated the doctrine that the Labour members of Parliament and on provincial councils must obey the instructions of the National Council. He maintained that the Parliamentary caucus and not the National Council must control the policy of the party in Parliament.

The speech created tremendous excitement, and after preliminary discussion the conference adjourned to allow the Council to confer privately.

The Council conferred with Mr. Creswell for three hours yesterday evening, and this morning Mr. Creswell addressed a letter to Mr. Jenkins, the Chairman of the party, wherein he assured the Council that he had never intended to cast any reflection on the personal honour and integrity of members of the Council; in fact, he could not find anything in his speech which could be so interpreted.

In view of the letter, the Council asked Mr. Jenkins to announce that they had unanimously resolved, in the interests of party unity, that they desired the incident to be closed.

Mr. Creswell persisted in his refusal again to being nominated for the National Council, so he has cut himself completely adrift as Parliamentary Leader from the party organisation. Many delegates declare that a serious crisis is only temporarily averted.

Colonel Creswell, the Leader of the South African Labour Party, has of late been the subject of a variety of rumours. In mid-December five prominent members of the party—all "Creswellians"—were suspended, and rumours followed that their Chief would before long relinquish his leadership. His support of the Flag Bill was even more violent than that of General Hertzog himself but he finally brought himself to speak of the Flag question as being "now happily surmounted." Colonel Creswell has always, in public at least, disavowed the rumours of a Labour-Nationalist split.

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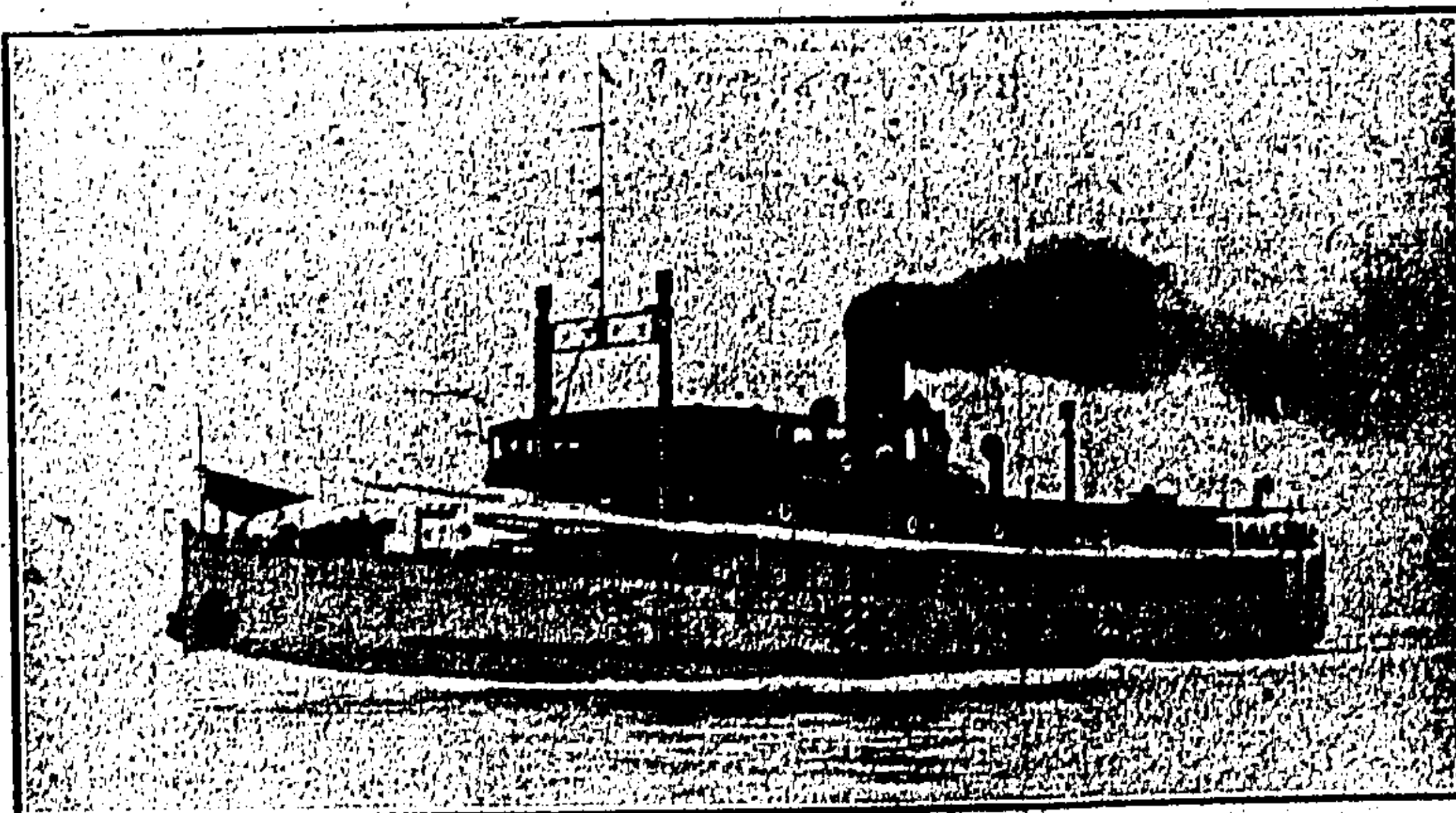
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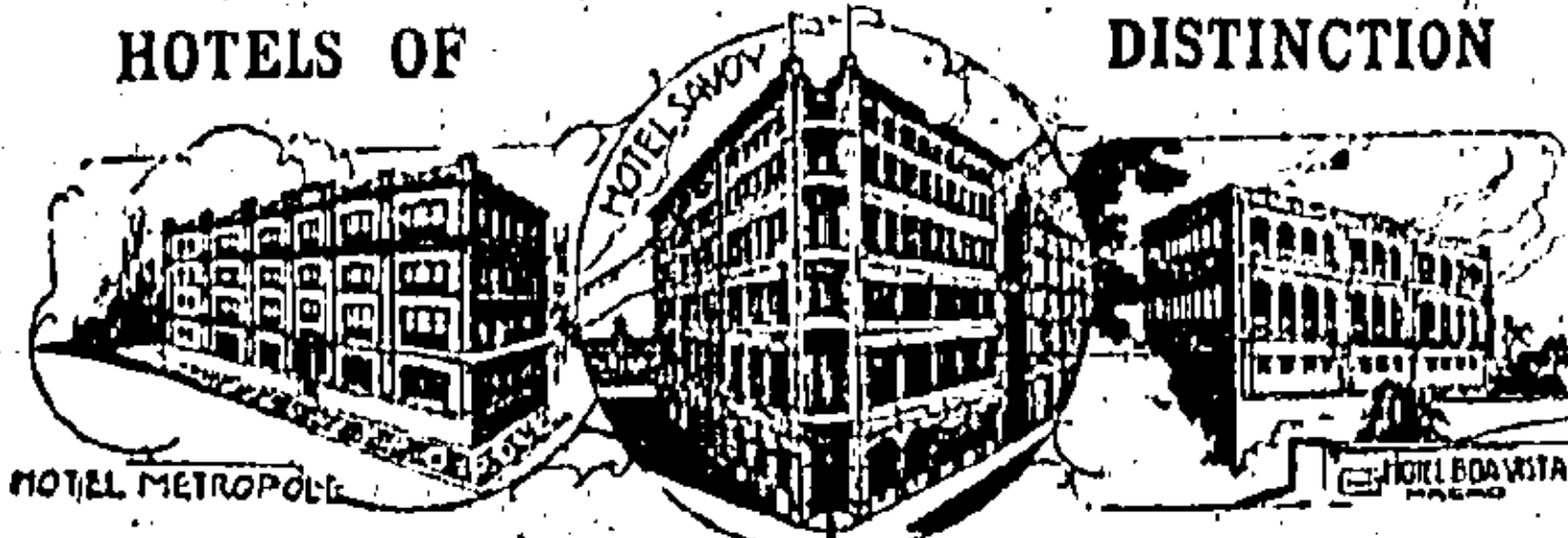
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AMERICAN'S GIFT TO LONDON.

\$200,000 VESTED IN TRUST FOR DENTAL CLINIC.

Mr. George Eastman, of Rochester, U.S.A., head of the Kodak Company, has now completed his gift of a dental clinic to the Royal Free Hospital, London, by transferring the sum of £200,000 to trustees to erect and equip the building, to be erected on a site in Gray's Inn-road.

The plans have been prepared by Sir John Burnett and Partners, and the work will be begun at an early date.

The clinic will comprise special accommodation for the treatment of tonsil, adenoid, and cleft-palate cases. When completed, it

will be one of the finest in the world.

Mr. Eastman, who is on his way to Uganda for a shooting expedition, met Lord Riddell, President of the Hospital; Mr. Albert Levy, the Treasurer; Sir Frank Newnes, a member of the Board of Management, and Mr. Reginald Garrett, the Secretary, in Paris, when the financial arrangements were completed.

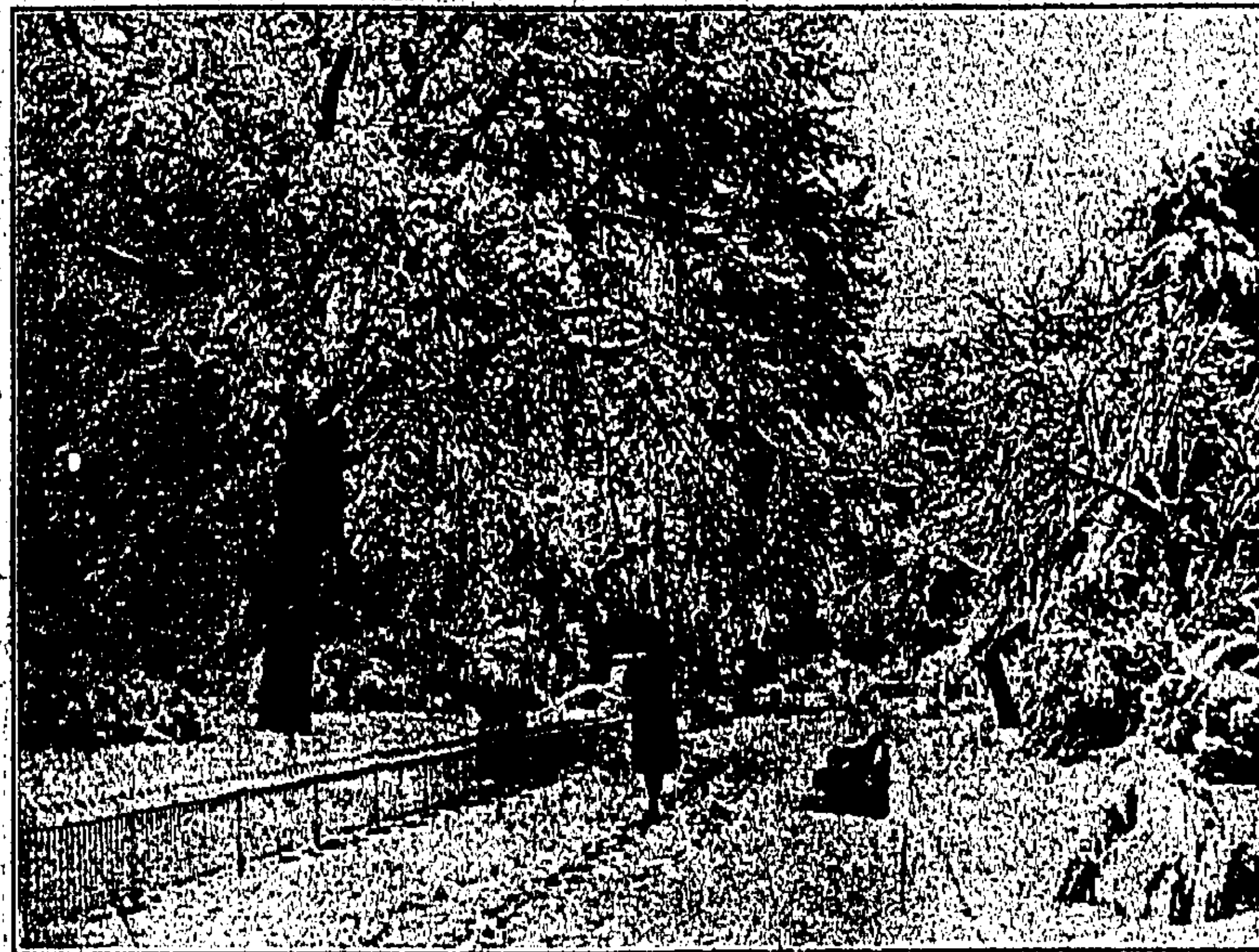
Lord Riddell expressed the thanks of the Hospital to Mr. Eastman for his splendid gift.

Mr. Eastman, in reply, said that his object was to improve the teeth of the children living in the boroughs of Holborn, Islington, St. Pancras, and Finsbury, so as to prove to other districts what could be done.

A sum of £100,000 is needed to endow and carry on the clinic. The Board of the Royal Free Hospital appeal for support to enable them to make the best use of the building and equipment.

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HYDE PARK LIKE FAIRYLAND.



A scene in Hyde Park, London, during the recent severe winter weather. The snow transformed the bare branches of the trees into a glistening tracery of delicate lace.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

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Dimitris was sung and was followed by appropriate prayers. The hymn, "Our Father's Home Eternal," was next sung. This was followed by the sermon.

The congregation then sang "For all the Saints who from their Labours Rest." When this was concluded, with the congregation standing, the strains of the Dead March in "Saul" were heard, after which bugles from the Scots Guards sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

The service concluded with the National Anthem and the Benediction.

The Bishop's Address.

The Bishop based his address on the words: "Our citizenship is in Heaven."—Philippians 111-20. He said:—A muscle of his heart grew tired, we are told, and one who has been for years a household name to us all is no longer with us. We are met to-day to pay our tribute to the memory of a very gallant gentleman—our individual tribute of respect and affection, the grateful tribute of this Colony, the proud tribute of the Service to which many of you belong and to which many more of us had the honour for a time to belong.

Earl Haig was a great leader of men, chosen out to be a foremost leader in an hour of appalling crisis in human history. He never flinched. With utter devotion and disregard of self, he gave himself up to his task. The style is the man, and in the famous message flashed out in the dark hours of 1918 we see laid bare the spirit of the man himself. "There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend on the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

And as Earl Haig was a great leader of men, so also he was a great friend of the men he led; and he stuck to them to the end. When the strife was over, he gave himself up to their service—to the cause of the blinded, the maimed, the unemployed, the widows, to the building up of Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land. And he died in the doing of it. There is a sense in which he lived in this great after-war task. And the life of every great man is, from one point of view, a failure; they see so much and there is so little they seem able to do. It is only little men who are the really successful men and that is because they attempt so little.

An Unfinished Task.

He bequeathes his unfinished task to us and ten years after that famous "back to the wall" message he who is this work laid to rest still speaks:—"Every position must be held to the last man; there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall each one of us must fight on to the end."

In this world in which we live nothing that is second best will ever do; we must live true to the highest ideals we have seen, we must ever press on towards their attainment.

"On! to the bound of the wastes; 'On! to the city of God.' As we pay proud homage to the memory of Earl Haig to-day, as we would fain place our wreath on the

Leader's open tomb, so once again our thoughts are irresistibly drawn to his comrades in service, to the graves of warriors unknown and known, to all those

Valiant hearts who to their glory came through dust of conflict and through battle flame. Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war, As who had heard God's message from afar; All you had hoped for, all you had you gave To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

If you have ever been to the Chapel of the Staff College at Camberley and seen on the walls there the names of so many who gave themselves in their country's service; or if you have stood beside the Kitchener Memorial in the Chapel of All Souls in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, you will have had forced upon you the thought how great is the debt that still stands against us who are alive to-day, and how urgent is the call to press onwards towards the accomplishment of our great unfinished task.

A Cross Upon a Lonely Hill.

And as we think of all those saviours who come not home to-night because themselves they would not save, we think also of a Cross that stood long years ago upon a lonely hill where

In the frailty of our human clay Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

We think a our Great Captain,

Jesus whose lot with us was cast. Who saw it out from first to last."

Whom, though we had often forgotten, or very nearly, we could never quite forget out there in Flanders and Who we know never forgot us and Whose task in the world still remains unfinished, waiting for volunteers who will dedicate themselves to its accomplishment amongst men. As we think of Him and of the Leader whom we commemorate to-day, we cry:

O risen Lord! O Shepherd of our Dead! Whose Cross has bought them and Whose Staff has led— In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land Commits her Children to thy gracious Hand. Amen.

AT THE CENOTAPH.

Wreath-Laying Ceremony This Morning.

Prior to the Memorial Service, a wreath-laying ceremony was carried out by members of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Legion as well as by the Ex-Active Service Men's Association at nine o'clock this morning.

Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton, President of the local branch of the Legion, and Lt. Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., President of the Easma Club, laid the wreaths on behalf of their respective organisations.

There was a very large attendance of members of these institutions, those present including Mr. E. S. Carter, Mr. H. A. Rodgers, Mr. R. S. Logan, Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. I. S. Greenhill and Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson.

After the two Presidents had laid the wreaths on the Cenotaph, those present stood in silence for a few moments. The wreath from the British Legion was made entirely of red poppies, whilst that from the Easma Club was a white cross entwined with a circular wreath of Flanders poppies.

CANADIAN STEEL CHANGES.

BIG CORPORATION TO BE REORGANISED.

Montreal, Feb. 2. The Directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation, the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, and their subsidiaries, have announced that the first-named corporation, the president of which has resigned, is being reorganised under new financial and industrial interests.

Those latter interests are Montreal and Toronto corporations, represented by Messrs. Holt Grundy and Company, with New York financial associates.—Reuter's American Service.

GERMANY MUST PAY.

M. BERENGER'S WARNING TO THE AGENT-GENERAL.

M. Berenger, who when French Ambassador at Washington negotiated the Mellon-Berenger debt agreement, has vigorously rebuffed in an article published in the *Agence Economique et Financiere*, the chief suggestions of Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments. The Agent-General, in his report, contemplates the abolition of foreign control over the transfer of reparations and the determination of their exact amount. "The double suggestion of Mr. Parker Gilbert," M. Berenger declares, "aims at no less than putting in question all that part of the Versailles Treaty which concerns the payment of reparations. He even jeopardises the existence of the Reparations Commission."

The Agent-General is roundly accused of overstepping the bounds of his authority, and M. Berenger concludes with the following significant phrase: "According as Germany pays or does not pay to the Allies 132,000,000,000 gold marks, the European Allies will or will not pay 23,000,000,000 dollars to the United States of America."

In stating the matter thus M. Berenger is undoubtedly expressing the opinion both of official and unofficial France.

Bromley Council is asking Kent Educational Committee to provide an itinerant instructor to visit village blacksmiths and teach them fashionable wrought-iron work.

Identifying the body of Henry Leaver, aged 61, of Dobson-street, Southwark, at a Lambeth inquest Walter Wain, brother-in-law, of Gordon-street, Blackpool, described him as a medical student. The Coroner (Mr. Ingleby Odde)—A medical student at 61 years of age! He must have been an optimist. Leaver, who was stated to be a chemist, was killed by a motor lorry in Newington Butts.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. One inch. 2. Dangerous sliding sands, about six miles from the Kent coast at the entrance to the Straits of Dover. 3. A political party during the French Revolution representing in the Legislative Assembly the principle of democratic revolution. 4. His blindness. 5. Expression used of stocks and shares standing at 100 per cent. 6. Norfolk. 7. Henry VIII. 8. Classics. 9. Group captain. 10. 1418-1444. 11. In the study of a language that part which deals with quantity, accent and the laws of vocalisation. 12. Gurnard. 13. Gurnard. 14. Gurnard. 15. Gurnard. 16. Gurnard. 17. Gurnard. 18. Gurnard. 19. Gurnard. 20. Gurnard.

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